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TO-DAY'S DOLLAR. — The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 11 1/4.

A SECRET?

An Irish Motorist thinks that the Dunlop Rubber Company possess a valuable secret. Read what he says:—

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ACTION AGAINST DIRECTORS.

Shareholders in Two Camps.

INTERIM INJUNCTION.

A serious break among the members of the Sze Yap Steamship Company, Ltd., is indicated by an action which opened before the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) in the Supreme Court this morning.

The plaintiffs in the case are the Sze Yap S.S. Co., Ltd., of 61, Wing Lok Street, third floor, and the defendants are Messrs. Chung Cheung-she, of 61, Wing Lok Street, Chi Yuen-chi, of 20, Connaught Road West, Lo Man-pun, of 11, Queen's Road Central, Lau Pak-tong, of 305, Queen's Road Central, and Lai Hong-sang, whose address is given as "living on board the s.s. Tai Lee."

The plaintiffs ask for an injunction to restrain the defendants from acting as Directors of, or dealing with the funds of, or using the seal of, or otherwise interfering in the management of the Company, and for damages in respect of the matters aforesaid.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., (instructed by Messrs. d'Almada and Mason), appeared for the plaintiffs, whilst the defendants were represented by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, C.B.E., (instructed by Mr. Lee d'Almada, sen.).

Meetings Disputed.

In opening the case Mr. Potter said that the action was brought by the Sze Yap S.S. Co., claiming an injunction against the Directors of the Company. An interim injunction had been granted and the matter now before the Court was to settle certain issues on which would depend whether the injunction was to continue. The issues, Counsel said, centred on certain meetings which were held.

Getting down to the real points of the issues, he said, they would find that it was clear cut and did not involve any consideration of the rights and wrongs of certain views taken by various parties of shareholders of the Company.

The issues were divided into three grounds:—

- (1) a meeting which was regularly held on July 8, 1930, was held under the Chairmanship of Mr. Li Yu-tung;
- (2) the meeting was not proper because there was no notice; and
- (3) the confirmatory meeting which was subsequently held because there was no proper notice and free access was refused.

Nationality Question.

Mr. Potter said that there were two other issues raised by the defendants, including a question of nationality of certain parties who were not British subjects, but these, he contended, was not relevant once they had decided the three grounds mentioned.

His Lordship said that he could not enlarge on the issues unless Mr. Potter consented, and Counsel replied that he could not admit.

Mr. Jenkin pointed out that they are agreed to on December 5, 1930.

After some discussion it was decided to proceed on the three issues named, the others being left for future consideration.

Proceeding with his statement of the case, Mr. Potter said that the Sze Yap S.S. Co., operated the s.s. On Lee and the s.s. Tai Lee on the Hong Kong to Kowloon run. For a considerable time, he said, the shareholders of the Company had been divided into two groups. The group which he represented felt strongly that the Company was not properly managed, whilst, probably, the other group thought that it was.

Shareholders' Requisition. Matters came to a head early in 1930, and on March 27, 1930, Messrs. G. K. Hill Brutton & Co., on behalf of a large body of shareholders sent to the Directors of the Company a requisition to convene an extraordinary meeting.

Here Mr. Potter said that the fourth issue raised by the defendants claimed that the requisition contained only two matters. He was at a loss to understand

SEQUEL TO BRITON'S CAR DRIVEN AT 240 MILES AN HOUR.

Indian Sentenced to Death.

BRUTAL ATTACKS.

Calcutta, Yesterday. Dinesh Gupta, the sole survivor of the three terrorists who murdered Colonel Simpson, the Inspector-General of Prisons, and wounded Mr. Nelson, the Legal Remembrancer, in December last has been sentenced to death.—Reuter.

[Lieutenant-Colonel N. S. Simpson, Inspector-General of Prisons in Bengal, was shot dead in his office on December 8 by an unknown assailant, who made his escape. Mr. J. W. Nelson, the Judicial Secretary, was wounded in attempting to stop the murderers, two of whom later committed suicide. One of the men is alleged to have confessed to the murder of Mr. P. J. Lowman, a Police official, in August, 1930.]

that because actually the requisition contained eight matters.

Anyway, continued Mr. Potter, the then Directors of the Company refused to call the extraordinary meeting.

Subsequently Messrs. d'Almada and Mason were instructed by the same body of shareholders and they prepared a second requisition which was sent to the Directors.

The effect of the resolutions contained in the requisition was that the shareholders desired to get rid of the then Directors and appoint others.

Requisition Good in Law.

Mr. Potter commented that in the first instance that requisition was a good requisition in law. However, the Directors failed to convene the meeting requisitioned for.

Replying to a question by his Lordship, Mr. Potter said that he used the term "failed to convene" because he wished to keep clear as far as possible from controversial points. However, he would say that there was a bitter dispute between the Directors, some of which say that they had never seen the requisition. Actually, Counsel commented, it would be correct to state that the Directors refused to call the meeting.

Shareholders Convened Meeting. Proceeding, Counsel said that as the result of the Director's failure to convene the meeting, the requisitioning shareholders proceeded themselves to convene a meeting for July 8, 1930. Notices were published in the papers and sent to shareholders of the Company.

It was of interest to note Counsel said, that no attack was made on the propriety of that notice, Mr. Potter: In what way?

Mr. Jenkin referred to a second meeting.

Mr. Potter: The notice of the first meeting if not attacked.

Solicitors Present.

Continuing, Mr. Potter said that the meeting was duly held and in addition to shareholders there were present Mr. F. X. d'Almada, sen., Mr. Leo d'Almada, sen., Mr. E. S. C. Brooks of Messrs. Hastings, Denny and Bowley, and Mr. Kent, a clerk of the same firm. At that time, Counsel explained, Messrs. Hastings, Denny and Bowley were solicitors of the Company whom he (Counsel) now represented.

The original requisition was tabled and the resolutions read. The meeting was under the Chairmanship of Mr. Li Yu-tung, who was elected at the meeting. He was not a Director of the Company, and was not a requisitioning shareholder, but he was a shareholder of the Company.

A Stormy Meeting.

Counsel said that there was a great deal of heated discussion at the meeting. The heat was mainly engendered, he said, because the Chairman would not put the resolutions contained in the requisition to the meeting, and not one of those eight resolutions were, in fact, put to the meeting.

Other matters were discussed such as the charter of ships, and the possibility of paying a dividend. The result was that it was a stormy meeting because the requisitioning shareholders presented wanted the resolutions put to the meeting.

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SEQUEL TO BRITON'S CAR DRIVEN AT 240 MILES AN HOUR.

Amazing Speed Got Up by Capt. Campbell.

NOT OFFICIALLY RECORDED.

Daytona, Florida, Yesterday. Captain Malcolm Campbell, driving a 1,400 horse power British car, "Blue Bird," in a practice run attained an approximate speed of 240 miles an hour, unofficially timed. The late Sir Henry Segrave's record of 231 miles an hour is not affected by this, as, apart from the absence of official timekeepers' records, it must be made each way over a set course.

Attempt To-day.

Later. Captain Malcolm Campbell will make an official attempt on the speed record to-morrow at Daytona beach, the weather permitting. — Reuter's American Service.

Earlier News.

Rugby, Yesterday. Major Malcolm Campbell expects to make an attempt on Daytona Beach to-morrow to beat the world's land speed record, of 231 miles an hour, established in the British "Sunbeam" by the late Sir Henry Segrave.

Major Campbell, who in the week-end trial on a three-quarters throttle reached 191 miles an hour, will make another trial to-day if the beach is in a satisfactory condition. — British Wireless Service.

ROYAL LOVE MATCH BLIGHTED.

King Objects to Grand Son's Choice of Bride.

"IMPOSSIBLE TO CONSENT."

Stockholm, Yesterday. A Royal love romance is the subject of a Court circular issued to-day, in which H.M. King Gustav finally refuses his consent to the engagement of his grandson, Prince Lennart, to Miss Karin Nisswandt, daughter of a Stockholm accountant. Prince Lennart had publicly announced the engagement, but the circular says: "The Constitution provides that a Prince of the Royal House shall not marry without the knowledge and consent of the King. After long and earnest consideration the King has decided that it is impossible to consent to the marriage."

It is learned that Prince Lennart is prepared to abide by all the legal and constitutional consequences of the marriage, but the marriage has been postponed and the date not fixed.—Reuter.

RAID ON CHINESE OPIUM DENS.

\$5,000 Worth of Drugs Seized in Newark.

DENS SMASHED UP.

Newark, New Jersey, Yesterday.

One hundred and sixty-three Chinese were rounded up during early morning raids on 16 opium dens in Chinatown, in an attempt to capture the leader of the drug ring, who is known just to have arrived from San Francisco. The leader was not caught, but \$5,000 worth of drugs were seized and the dens smashed up.—Reuter's American Service.

"DOLE" BENEFITS.

ROYAL COMMISSION TO MAKE A REPORT.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Prime Minister has announced that the Royal Commission on unemployment insurance has been asked to make an interim report on the subject of transitional benefits at an early date. This type of benefit was not provided for in the actual basis of the insurance scheme, and evidence before the Commission on its effect on the finances of the scheme had caused concern in the Press and in Parliament.—British Wireless Service.

ALARMING 'QUAKE IN NEW ZEALAND.

Sea Bottom Reported to Be Lifting.

VIADUCT DAMAGED.

Wellington, N.Z., Yesterday. An alarming earthquake occurred this morning and the viaduct in Hawke Bay district was damaged. The sea bottom at Napier is stated to be lifting, in consequence of which steamers are putting out to sea. A number of oil tanks at Napier is afloat, and the telegraph lines being down, information is meagre.—Reuter.

SOME LIGHT RAIN.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states: The anti-cyclone is central over S. Manchuria. A depression is shown over S.W. China and N. Indo-China. Forecast:—S. winds; moderate; generally cloudy; some light rain.

Rainfall.

Rainfall to 10 a.m. to-day nil. Rainfall since January 1, 0.32 inch against an average of 1.65.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	71
Macao	68
Pratas Island	72
Manila	67
Foochow	68
Amoy	60
Swatow	66
Chefoo	93
Shanghai	47

CLUTCHING HAND.

HOUSEHOLDER'S MERRY CHASE OF A THIEF.

"THE DOOR FLEW OPEN."

Charged with breaking and entering 12, Parkes Street, and stealing a blanket, valued at \$3, the property of Cheung Chun, a shoemaker, Mak Hoi pleaded not guilty at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

A man who was on the premises said he was awake on a camp bed when he saw a hand come through the shutter and take a blanket from complainant's bed. He gave chase and the man was caught.

Out of Hospital.

Defendant said he was discharged from the Tung Wah Hospital yesterday, and was still weak. While walking in Parkes Street he fell against the door of No. 12 and it flew open.

He was walking away when he was arrested. Mr. Butters imposed four months' imprisonment, a previous conviction being admitted.

SILK PAINTINGS.

PROFESSOR GAO'S COLLECTION ON VIEW.

Starting to-day, and continuing to Saturday, Professor Gao, one of the most celebrated of Japanese artists, who recently founded the latest modern school of art in Japan, will be exhibiting at Messrs. Matsumura and Nikko's, curio experts, a fine selection of Japanese silk paintings and Kakeemono.

The collection consists of 86 exhibits, some worth as much as \$1,000 while others are priced at the very modest figure of \$15 to \$25. Amongst the paintings is a Japanese dancer executing the famous Japanese classical "No" dance. Another fine painting is that of "Morrison Mountain," in Formosa, which is a very fine piece of work. Another worthy note is a Chinese scene on the Yangtze, at Chensi. This is a masterpiece. There are many other scenes in China, Japan, and Formosa, as well as portraits.

MAN WHO HELPED TO WIN THE WAR.

First Zeppelin Brought Down by His Bombs.

DEATH OF MR. F. M. HALE.

London, Yesterday. The man whose discoveries did incalculable damage to the enemy during the Great War has just died. He is Mr. Frederick Marten Hale, the explosives expert.—Reuter.

[Mr. Hale was 67 years of age and was born in Bristol. In his early days he specialised in fire and hydraulic engineering, but in 1895 turned his attention to the study and manufacture of high explosives, torpedo and artillery work. As the inventor of the Hale rifle grenade and the Hale aircraft bombs, he was responsible for the destruction of the first Zeppelin to be destroyed in the War by aircraft, in its hangar at Dusseldorf (October, 1914). The first Zeppelin to be brought down in mid-air, and the first U-boat sunk by aircraft were despatched to their doom by bombs of his manufacture. Many hundreds of thousands of these and over 10,000,000 Hale rifle grenades. Mr. Hale was the first to propose and invent, in November, 1914, an anti-submarine living bomb, or depth charge. He wrote a number of technical treatises on explosives.]

SLASHING ATTACK ON DRUG EVIL.

Why China Distrusts Europe.

COUNTRY SACRIFICED.

Geneva, Yesterday. A slashing attack on a system that permitted "the prosperity of a great country to be sacrificed to the interests of a few manufacturers" was made by Dame Lyall, Chairman of the Permanent Opium Board.

Addressing the Opium Committee she cited the figures for opium imported to China from Europe, including six tons of morphine, and declared that while the illicit traffic continued on the present scale, it was not unreasonable of China to distrust the attitude and intentions of manufacturing countries.

The Committee unanimously passed a recommendation affirming the desirability of withdrawing licences from firms implicated in the illicit traffic.—Reuter.

BANDITS CHASED OVER DESERT.

All Captured After Exciting Man Hunt.

LEADER KILLED.

Luxor, Yesterday. The Province is relieved at the news that all bandit terrorists mentioned on January 28 have been rounded up, thanks to the tenacity of the Police in chasing their quarry to the last man day and night over the hilly desert. All the bandits were wounded except the leader, Abuzai Dabuta Aleb, who was killed.—Reuter.

JUMPED INTO WATER

CHINESE DESERTED BY HIS FRIEND.

A fine of \$100 was this morning imposed on a Chinese who pleaded guilty before Mr. Lindsell at the Central Police Court, to the possession of two sticks of dynamite without a permit, at Aberdeen yesterday. It was stated by Sergeant Cunningham that when arrested defendant had another man with him, who jumped into the water and swam away. Defendant admitted that he originally had 24 sticks of dynamite.

Irate Creditor: "Now, look here. I want my money." Impudent Debtor: "Oh, that's all right. I thought you wanted mine."

STOCK EXCHANGE ANNIVERSARY.

Interesting Speeches at Celebration.

THREE ORIGINAL MEMBERS.

Many friends and well-wishers, including Sir Shouson Chow and Sir Robert Ho Tung, gathered at the premises of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange this morning, on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of its foundation.

Mr. C. G. Moxon, in an interesting little speech, proposed the prosperity of the Exchange, together with that of the Chairman, Mr. George Potts.

Mr. Potts, in reply, had some interesting recollections of the earlier days of the Exchange's history, and later-day developments in the Colony.

Brokers' Ups and Downs.

Mr. G. C. Moxon, proposing success to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, with which he coupled the name of the Chairman, Mr. George Potts, said that if anybody had told him, ten years ago that he would be doing so to-day he would have looked upon it as something of a fantasy. He thought at that time, in fact, that he would never see Hong Kong again, or, if so, only for a fleeting moment.

"To-day," said Mr. Moxon, after wishing the Exchange and its members all prosperity, "is the fortieth anniversary of its foundation. I think that when you consider the many ups and downs inseparable from such a business as you control you may be proud that your flag is still flying." (Applause.)

"The scope of your activities is far wider than of yore," the speaker continued, "and I think there must be something in the rough and tumble of the share market that makes for camaraderie. It makes for bearing and forbearance—at least I have always found it so. I think you would do well to continue to foster these qualities."

Mr. Moxon went on to regret that of three surviving original members of the Stock Exchange when it was founded forty years ago, two, who had left, and were, living in London, Mr. Sidney Coxon, and Mr. J. R. Michael, were not present with them. The other one, Mr. George Potts, was still with them (Applause). "Mr. Potts is a marvellous record," Mr. Moxon said, "and also a marvellous personality." (Applause.)

Mr. Moxon hoped that the local Exchange would follow the lines of the London Stock Exchange, which he considered the best and soundest in the world.

The toast was drunk with acclamation.

Old Friends Missing.

Mr. George Potts, in reply, thanked those present for the kind way in which the toast had been drunk.

His two old colleagues, Mr. Michael and Mr. Coxon, were not present, but he was glad to say they were still hale and hearty in London. Mr. Michael had retired, but Mr. Coxon was still interested in business.

"However, there is one other member present to-day who runs them a close second," he continued. "That is Mr. Gould, who joined the Exchange in the early 'nineties." (Applause.) "Mr. Gould and I have seen the financial history of this Colony in the making. I can recall when the total number of banks in Hong Kong could be counted on the fingers of one hand. I can also recall when the total market value of investments was probably not more than one tenth of the corresponding investments at the present time—a phenomenal expansion indeed for such a small Colony as Hong Kong. I hope you will not deem it a presumption on my part if I claim, on behalf of this Exchange, some credit for having been the means, however small, of helping to place this vast capital investment in local undertakings." (Applause.)

Philosophy Needed!

"Mr. Moxon spoke of the spirit of bearing and forbearance. Believe me, gentlemen, we brokers must be possessed of these two great qualities in ample measure; but we must also be possessed of that other and greater quality—a philosophical turn of mind. As you all know, the world over, in any catastrophe the wretched broker must bear the blame. (Laughter.)

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Mr. Potts concluded with a tribute to the sagacity and foresight of Sir Paul Chater, whose presence he sadly missed. Sir Paul's first Reclamation scheme was jeered at, but the Hong Kong Club stood to-day upon the site he had made available. His second scheme, that of Morrison Hill, was well-known to all, and a ride in a tram would show that it had already been built upon and occupied, thus adding largely to the population of the Colony.

After some interesting reminiscences of the late Sir H. Mody, Mr. Potts concluded, by again thanking those in the gathering for their attendance.

SEQUEL TO FIGHT IN WANCHAI.

Two Indians Charged with Wounding.

OTHERS MAY DIE.

There was a sequel at the Central Magistracy this morning to the scuffle between about 30 Indians of different castes at Star Street, Wanchai, last Monday, when bamboo poles, knives and daggers were used. As a result of the fracas, six men were sent to the Government Civil Hospital. They were:—

Subhat Khan, motor-driver, aged 26.
Abdul Khan, motor-driver, aged 28.

Mr. Aslam, guard, aged 23.
Mr. Akbar, guard, aged 30.
Mohamed Ajar, watchman.
Akar Gul, watchman, aged 32.

The first two, who were discharged from hospital, having received only minor injuries, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, charged with wounding the others, whom Detective-Sub-Inspector Murphy stated were still in hospital in a serious condition.

Trouble Over Debt.

Inspector Murphy added that it appeared that the "gang" went to call first accused (Subhat Khan) from his house at 20, Star Street, and it is alleged that they set on him. It appeared to be over some trouble concerning a debt, and the combatants at one time lived in the same house, but separated six months ago. Their story was that they were returning home from work at about six o'clock that evening when they were attacked.

Reading the medical officer's report, his Worship said that Mr. Aslam, Mohammed Ajar and Akar Gul, were suffering from stab wounds in the stomach whilst Mr. Akbar was suffering from scalp wounds. He added that they would not be out for at least three weeks.

Death Possible.

His Worship: Is there any possibility of the men dying? Inspector Murphy:—There is.

Mr. F. C. E. Rendall appeared for the accused and intimated that as it was bound to be a criminal case, he would not enter his pleas.

His Worship asked the police officer if bail had been considered, and Inspector Murphy replied that it had been opposed at present.

Mr. Rendall: In the event of the dying man passing out of danger, I will make application for bail later.

Accused were remanded for one week, bail being refused.

DEMANDED \$400?

ALLEGED CHARGE AGAINST REVENUE OFFICER.

Chinese Revenue Officer No. 51 (Lau Sau) was this morning brought before Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy on a charge of having demanded \$400 from Mak Pak, a woman, at a house at Wanchai, on February 1, with menace. The Inspector General of Police (Hon. Mr. Wolfe) appeared on the charge sheet as complainant. His Worship remanded defendant to February 9, at 2.15 p.m.

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HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.
APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

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鳩	each	35	2
蛋	per doz.	35	1

鮮鴨	每斤	38	2
鴨	lb.	64	30
地南	"	50	8
鴨	"	40	4
鴨	each	40	8
鴨	lb.	75	—
鴨	"	60	6
鴨	each	25	—
鴨	pair	2.60	—
鴨	each	30	—
鴨	"	90	—

金山	24	24
燕山	5	4
桃	—	12
王	18	18

椰子	each	13	10
椰	lb.	10	25
金山椰	each	13	8
荔枝干	lb.	60	25
新會甜橙	"	12	—
橙	"	18	—
沙梨	"	10	—
花生	"	14	10

紅	柿	"	—	12
大	葱	"	—	8
暹羅	柚	each	14	12
合	桃	lb.	18	—
菩	提	"	60	—

芝竹菜	each	12	—
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海菜	11	7	6
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Many things about whisky—about the people who drink most of it, and about the "auspicious" exports over the Atlantic—were told to the Licensing Commission by Sir Alexander Walker of the famous whisky firm.

Young people do not drink whisky, he said. They prefer beer. The drinking of spirits, more especially of Scotch whisky, was almost entirely confined to the middle-aged and the aged.

But he made one exception to his generalisation about young people—"the type you meet in the West of England which I might call the jeunesse doree, who drink cocktails."

Bottles of whisky, port, and claret were placed before the members of the Commission, over which Lord Amulree presided for the first time since his appointment as Air Minister.

But the members drank water when they wanted a drink. The spirits and the wine were taken there by Sir Alexander Walker to illustrate some of his remarks.

If the total imports of wine and British wines for 1928-29 were analysed according to alcoholic content, said Sir Alexander, and duty paid per degree of alcohol, the duty per degree averaged 2.24 on wine against 5.7d. per degree on Scotch whisky or other British spirits.

An Extraordinary Anomaly.

"This extraordinary anomaly," he said, "whereby foreign and British wines are specially favoured by a preference in duty per degree of alcohol, has always puzzled the Scotch whisky trade. We can understand a preference in favour of the home-produced article, which almost every country in the world now gives to their vineyards or distilleries, but to give the importer a preference of 300 per cent., (in the duty) is past all understanding."

Sir Alexander was asked by the Rev. Henry Carter (a member of the Commission) whether he had any increase of export to foreign countries.

Sir Alexander: There has been a large increase to Canada and countries adjacent to the United States, of course, (Laughter.)

He explained that that spirit was obtained from the distillers. They did not know that it was going to the United States, because, it passed through so many hands, but they had a strong suspicion where it did go. (Laughter.)

Mr. Carter: Would you, as distillers, if you could, stop the export of spirits to the United States?

Sir Alexander (emphatically): Certainly not.

SLIGHT SETBACK.

PRINCESS BEATRICE IN GRAVE CONDITION.

Rugby, Yesterday. A bulletin issued yesterday evening stated that the condition of Princess Beatrice was not so satisfactory, owing to a slight rise of temperature, associated with exacerbation of her bronchitis.

Although this slight setback was followed by a somewhat disturbed night, to-day's bulletin states that the Princess's condition this morning was rather more satisfactory. British Wireless Service.

INDUSTRIES FAIR.

SPECIAL FACILITIES FOR VISITORS.

Rugby, Yesterday. Visitors to the British Industries Fair are to-day offered additional passport facilities.

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**MR. BERNARD SHAW
ON ART.**

Warning to Portrait
Painters.

BENEATH SURFACE.

Mr. Bernard Shaw, who was introduced as "Brother Shaw" by the Chairman, Miss May Morris, gave a long and very interesting address to his fellow-members of the Art Workers' Guild.

He began by saying that he was at a loss to know what to say, for it was usual in the hall in Queen's-square for the members to give practical examples of their craft. His art was drama, and he could not act a play before them. He thought, however, that it was a good thing for artists to get together occasionally and talk about their experiences. The artist was not an ordinary respectable person, for he did not perform good honest work. He was under the influence of an artistic urge, and was driven to do things that his parents considered reprehensible. The things he did were usually not profitable; in fact they often led to starvation. This urge put the artist outside the ordinary morality, for to respond to it meant that he had to guide his own destiny.

"What is it urging you to do?" Mr. Shaw asked. Sometimes the answer was quite clear. More often it seemed that the artist was in the position of providing something that nobody wants. Really the artist was the person who anticipated a demand. He actually created a demand. In the utilitarian sense he was not meeting a need, for you did not hear of a person having an urge to create saucers. The artist was satisfying a desire in his own nature and getting a unique and peculiar satisfaction in doing so. He was also satisfying a desire in other people, for, Mr. Shaw said, he was certain that everything that was produced was wanted by somebody.

The Business of Art.
The business of art was not to create beauty: that was a ludicrous idea. He thought Tolstoy's suggestion that anything by which an artist conveys an emotion to another person is a work of art was the best definition. It would not do to limit art to the satisfaction of the desire for beauty, for people could not stand beauty. Really a picture or a sculpture or any other work of art created interest in the real thing. William Morris used to say that if you put a single picture in a shop window everybody would stop and look at it. Although he had the habit of imagining that the world was full of William Morrises, there was a lot of truth in his remark. People like imitations. "I am very fond of Frith's 'Derby Day,' for I can remember when people looked like that picture," Mr. Shaw said. "The Venus de Milo is much more remarkable than a real woman with a wrap round her body, because there is something of the artist in the sculpture."

The bit of himself that an artist put into his work was a terrible thing. Rembrandt was a great painter, but "I am glad that he never painted my portrait, for all Rembrandt's men are drunk. I warn all portrait painters present to-night—don't drink."

Life "Upside Down."
Mr. Shaw went on to point out that one of the most important functions of art was as an educative force in sex matters. At an early impressionable age young people could best find out from pictures, music, and drama what life was like. They could get from art a satisfaction of desire, and he said that he had always found that that argument meant something to municipal bodies when the erection of a picture gallery was being considered.

"Art has to supply so many things," Mr. Shaw said. "It is a very complicated business, for people look to it for moral enlightenment, and therefore the responsibility of the artist is a great one. In my own art as a dramatist I have to take life as I see it. I see people walking up and down the street, and I must find out where they are going and discover the invisible drama beneath the surface. It is no use talking of holding the mirror up to Nature; that is no good. The dramatist must present life more intelligently than that; he must make his characters think of something that has not been thought of before. You are used to seeing people the right way up. I must occasionally turn them upside down to see if something can be learned from them in that position."

"You see," said Colingbary, "the ship was saved this way: Miss Redington and I were standing on deck when we struck the iceberg. I didn't know heavy iron but when the boat struck she was thrown suddenly into my arms."

"Very exciting," remarked Colingbary, "but how did that save the ship?"

"Why," you see," replied Colingbary, "it broke the ice."

**THE CHRISTIAN
PROTEST.**

Police Throw Out
Communists.

8,000 IN BERLIN HALL.

Berlin, Nov. 16. The German Union for the Defence of Western Civilisation held its first public meeting to-day at the Sportpalast to protest against the persecution of religion in the Soviet Union. Some seven or eight thousand must have been gathered in the great hall to hear representatives of the Lutheran and Catholic churches, and of the Jewish community, as well as Bishop Seraphim, of Kharkov, interviewed by a representative of the Morning Post on July 14, and Sir William Horwood, formerly Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Force.

Bishop Seraphim's account of his own experience in the Soviet Union as recently as the spring of 1930, was the climax of the meeting, and also occasioned the climax of Communist interruption. Bishop Seraphim described, as an eye-witness, the expulsion of aged priests from their parsonages, barefooted and forced at the point of the revolver, to leave their parishes. He told, from personal experience, of the mockery with which Soviet officials received complaints of breaches of the Communist constitution itself by the godless in their action against the church.

Interruptions.
Tales of exile, kidnapping, and shooting were greeted with bravos by a group of Communists in the gallery, who interrupted all the speeches at intervals with cries of "Down with the Church." After Bishop Seraphim had finished they made so much noise that the meeting could only go on when they had been thrown out by the police. While this was happening there was for a moment a hand-to-hand fight with one of the Communists in a lower gallery who did not wish to leave the hall.

Sir William Horwood, speaking in English, emphasised the essential identity of the Third International with the Bolshevik Government, and proceeded to trace in outline the story of Bolshevik intervention in England. During the 1924 election the Communist Party had an income from English sources of £900 only and was receiving a subsidy of £16,000 a year from Moscow. At the time of the General Strike this subsidy was increased to nearly a million pounds.

BANDIT SCOURGE.

PROVINCES INFESTED WITH THEM.

Peking, Yesterday. Chinese as well as foreign travellers from Jehol and Suiyuan state that these provinces are becoming increasingly infested with bandits, and it is now very dangerous to leave the railway.

In Suiyuan the line, and even the towns along the railway, are unsafe. Conditions are such that many hitherto law-abiding people have joined the brigands, including several famine relief workers. The vernacular papers state that the bandits at Jehol number 20,000, nearly all being ex-soldiers.—Reuter.

"TALKIE" IN SCHOOL

BRIGHTER SYSTEM OF
EDUCATION.

Rugby, Yesterday. The first planned attempt to determine the value of talking pictures as part of a British national system, began to-day in 15 schools under the Middlesex education authorities.

Special instructional films are being employed, and it will be possible to forecast the place that sound films will occupy in the educational field, and the value of this new method of imparting knowledge as compared with broadcasting and silent films already in use.—British Wireless Service.

BEBERIBI DISEASE.

AUSTRIAN SCIENTIST TO VISIT
JAVA.

Vienna, Yesterday. Professor Wenckebach has accepted the Netherlands Government's invitation to study beriberi in the Dutch East Indies, and is shortly to leave for Batavia, for a six months' visit.—Reuter.

They were a rough lot, and the minister failed to make much impression upon them.

"You should love your enemies," he remarked to a notorious character. "Can't," came the prompt reply. "I shot the last one this morning."



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New York, Yesterday. It is reported from Para that there are indications that Mr. Henry Ford is abandoning his rubber growing experiment, after investing several millions of dollars in plantations in the Tapajos River region of Brazil.

The employees have been reduced from 3,000 to 200. Some of the staff men have resigned and others are being transferred to Australia.

It is reported that Mr. Ford believed he had a Government concession, whereas he only had a state grant.—Reuter's American Service.

MINISTERS RESIGN.

OBJECTION TO RETURN OF MR.
THEODORE.

Canberra, Yesterday. Mr. Scullin has accepted the resignations from the Cabinet of Messrs. Fenton and Lyons, who opposed the return of Mr. Theodore.

Mr. Forde has been appointed Minister of Customs. Mr. Green as Postmaster General, and Mr. Daly as Minister of Defence. These appointments are regarded as a rebuff to the Laborite left wing, who expected one of their leaders to be appointed to the Cabinet.—Reuter.

"I wonder why he's a bachelor?" "Oh, he didn't have a car when he was young."

SNOW IN SCOTLAND.

SEVERE WEATHER IN NORTH OF
ENGLAND.

Rugby, Yesterday. Severe snowstorms in Scotland and the north of England during the week-end caused traffic interference.

The heaviest snow for many years fell around Keswick, in the Lake District. Severe gales were experienced round the coasts.—British Wireless Service.

CANTON FLIGHT.

MR. BROPHY TO LEAVE IN A
FEW DAYS.

Foochow, Yesterday. Temporary repairs have enabled Mr. Brophy to fly back to Foochow. He took off at one o'clock to-day and expects to leave for Canton in three days' time.—Reuter.

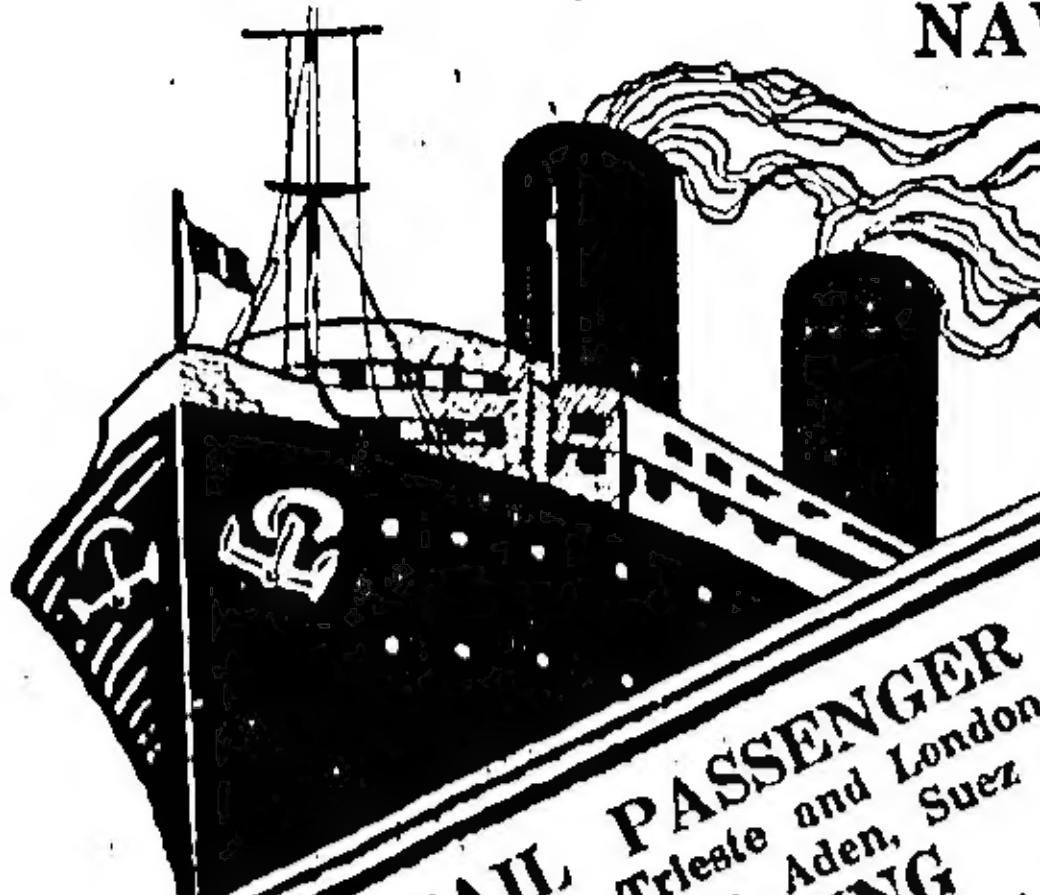
WAGE RATES.

COURT TO RECONSIDER ITS
DECISION.

Canberra, Yesterday. The Cabinet has decided to ask the Arbitration Court to reconsider its decision to reduce the basic wage rates by ten per cent., as announced on January 22.—Reuter.

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KITANO MARU	Thursday	10th February.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.		
IYO MARU	Tuesday	10th February.
TOKIWA MARU	Friday	27th February.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.		
HEIYO MARU	Thursday	5th March.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.		
KAWACHI MARU	Wednesday	25th February.
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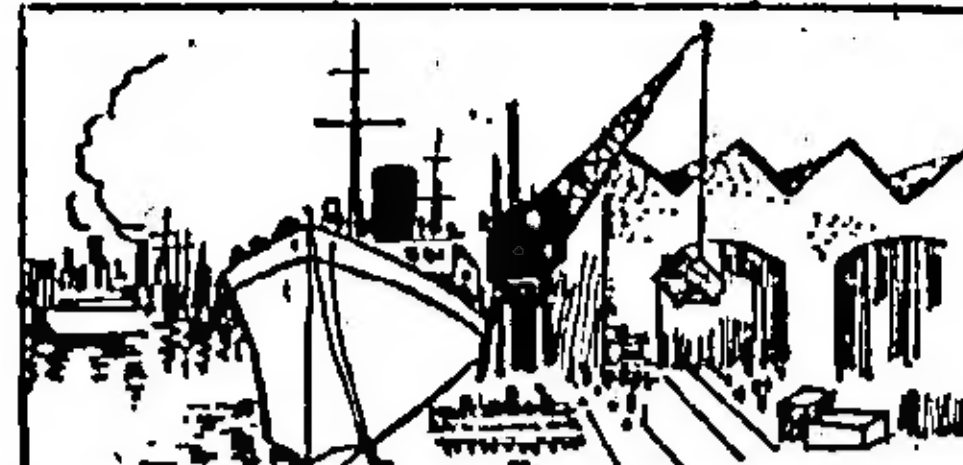
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KARACHI & BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.	Shanko Maru	Wed.	4th Feb.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA via Singapore & Colombo.	Chicago Maru	Thurs.	5th Feb.
AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND via Manila & CALCUTTA via Singapore & Rangoon.	Melbourne Maru	Wed.	4th Feb.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Japan Ports.	Arabia Maru (from Shanghai)	Sat.	21st Feb.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Sanyo Maru	Fri.	6th Feb.
JAPAN PORTS (Freight Service).	Menado Maru	Thurs.	5th Feb.
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STRANDING OF THE MALMESBURY.

Dangerous Port of South Africa Coast.

During the course of the inquiry at Capetown into the cause of the stranding of the Malmesbury at Saldanha Bay near Capetown on September 9 last, the need for a light on Paternoster Point was emphasised as numerous vessels, it was said, had met with accidents in that vicinity. Captain C. S. Hewlett, the Assistant Port Captain, in reply to a direct question as to whether there should be, in his opinion, a light on that point said "Decidedly yes!", and in the course of his address to the Court Mr. Reid, of Messrs. J. and H. Reid and Nephew, the Solicitors of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild at Capetown, who defended the Captain as a Guild member, said:—"My firm alone has, during the last 17 years, appeared for the Captains of at least 10 ships which have gone on the rocks on that coast. The Court in most cases found that it was due to the currents." On receipt of the report on the case from their Solicitors the Imperial Merchant Service Guild addressed representations on the matter to the Board of Trade stating that in view of what had transpired at that inquiry there did not appear to be any doubt that a light was badly needed on Paternoster Point. The Board state, in their reply to the Guild, that they have forwarded a copy of the Guild's letter to the Dominions Office and have advised that a light on Paternoster Point would undoubtedly be of great value to shipping. The Board have suggested that the matter should be placed before the Government of the Union of South Africa for their consideration.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Sunday, Feb. 1.		
Ardent, Norwegian str., 1,101 tons, Capt. F. Krozer, from Bangkok, buoy No. C1.—K. Larsen & Co.		
Alipore, British str., 3,241 tons, Capt. E. P. Ryndon, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—P. & O.		
Hikawa Maru, Japanese str., 11,621 tons, Capt. S. Aklyoshi, from Seattle, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.		
Hiram, Norwegian str., 1,108 tons, Capt. J. R. Hannevig, from Swatow, buoy No. B8.—Thoresen & Co.		
Seattle Maru, Japanese str., 3,622 tons, Capt. T. Urayama, from Moji, Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.		
Tchokam, Chinese str., 806 tons, Capt. Lai Yee, from K. C. Wan, C.M.S.N. Wharf.—Fing On & Co.		
Yeljun Maru, Japanese str., 1,234 tons, Capt. R. Taketomi, from Dairer, Yaumatei Anchorage.—M.B.K.		
Monday, Feb. 2.		
An Lee, Chinese str., 992 tons, Capt. Sano, from Canton, West Point Wharf.—Yee Tai Hong.		
Foo Lee, Chinese str., 859 tons, Capt. K. Sano, from Canton, Yaumatei Anchorage.—Shun Tai Hong.		
Haining, British str., 842 tons, Captain A. H. Stewart, from Swatow, Douglas Wharf.—Douglas & Co.		
Kaying, British str., 1,592 tons, Capt. J. Fraser, from Swatow, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.		
Kueichow, British str., 1,220 tons, Captain D. Williams, from Canton, buoy No. B9.—B. & S.		
Ninghai, British str., 1,488 tons, Captain Y. N. Campbell, from Swatow, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.		
Nitto Maru, Japanese str., 1,278 tons, Capt. K. Masuda, from Canton, buoy No. B23.—O.S.K.		
Pacific Maru, Japanese str., 1,264 tons, Captain Z. Wakabayashi, from Singapore, buoy No. A7.—N.Y.K.		
Pres. Taft, American str., 3,415 tons, Capt. K. A. Ahlin, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—Dollar Line.		
Shantung, British str., 1,568 tons, Capt. J. S. G. Brown, from Canton, Taikeo Dock.—B. & S.		
Storviken, Norwegian str., 2,988 tons, Capt. G. B. Omarhine, from Semarang, Taikeo S.R. Wharf.—Wallen & Co.		
Tean, British str., 1,851 tons, Capt. J. Pringle, from Wuhu, buoy B15.—B. & S.		
Tijbadak, Dutch str., 4,800 tons, Capt. P. Lens, from Amoy, buoy No. A2.—J.C.L.		
Utrecht, Dutch str., 709 tons, Capt. J. H. Koo, from Canton, Taikeo Dock.—A.P.M.		

MYSTERY SHIP.

ABANDONED FRENCH BARQUE DISCOVERED.

Paris, Dec. 5.
A sea mystery strangely recalling the famous case of Mary Celeste, the greatest sea-puzzle of history, is reported from the Channel Islands where Jersey fishermen brought into harbour an abandoned French two-master which had been found derelict off La Roque with not a soul aboard but in a perfect state, with a candle alight in the cabin on a table on which had been served supper, for two but which was found untouched.

Old Acquaintances.

Captains Morehouse and Briggs, were old acquaintances and had actually dined together on the night before the Mary Celeste set sail. It was, therefore, only natural that Captain Morehouse should have signalled to the other ship. It was not so natural that the Mary Celeste should keep on, without replying, and as the distance between the two ships diminished, Captain Morehouse was puzzled by the hazardous sailing of the Mary Celeste. Another circumstance that struck him as strange was that the jib and foretopmast sail were set on the starboard tack, when both ships were sailing on the port tack. Captain Morehouse became more and more puzzled, when the ship gave no answer to an urgent hoist and he ordered a boat to be lowered and manned by his first mate, and two men. As this boat advanced they could plainly identify her as the Mary Celeste, New York, by the name painted upon her stern.

Everything in Place.

Here was no water-logged derelict but a well-found craft, her sails set, her timber undamaged, and yet apparently not a soul aboard her. On boarding the ship the mate found the decks deserted; there was no one at the wheel, and the brig seemed to be sailing itself like the Phantom Ship of old. Captain Morehouse was signalled and under his orders, a careful examination of the Mary Celeste was made. No explanation of mutiny, piracy or treachery could be made. Neither in cabin, fore-castle nor hold was there a man to be found, or any visible sign of trouble detected. Her cargo was properly stowed and in good order; there was no lack of food or water; one of the hatches had been displaced and lay wrong side up, but that was not much of a clue on which to fasten. There was no sign of disorder or confusion; the seamen's chests were untouched, money and clothes being found which were valuable; the galley was just as the cook had left it after he had cleared away the aftermath of a meal; a melodeon in the cabin had its cover raised as though it had been in recent use; a sewing machine with a piece of cloth fixed in it; objects, such as a thimble, small oil-can and a reel of cotton, that could easily be displaced by the motion of the ship, lay on the table beside it.

Mystery Unsolved.

A slate was found containing some notes for the log, and showing November 25 as the date of the last entry and an unfinished letter, apparently from the mate of the Mary Celeste to his wife, beginning, "Fanny, my dear wife," which had evidently been laid down because of an interruption. In the Captain's cabin were found trinkets of some small value and the imprint of a head was still clearly visible on a pillow. One of the drawers in the store room had been hastily emptied of some tins of preserved meat, the ship's papers, with the exception of the log-book, were missing. There was no sign of the Captain's chronometer. No story of the sea has ever perplexed and fascinated men so strangely as the affair of the Mary Celeste. Voluminous literature has gathered round the story, but the mystery remains unsolved. Now comes a similar mystery: in the finding of the abandoned French two-master off La Roque.

SOUTHAMPTON DOCKS.

£3,000,000 Scheme for Extensions.

Work, estimated to cost £3,000,000 and to take five years to complete, was put in hand at Southampton Docks in mail week. Rapid changes are taking place in the shipping position of the port, the last few weeks having seen the advent of new lines and new services. This development is expected to continue and increase.

In view, therefore, of the Government's agreement to render financial assistance under the Development (Loans, Guarantees, and Grants) Act, 1929, the directors of the Southern Railway, who own and operate the docks, have embarked on a further extension of the present extension scheme.

This will comprise about 3,500 feet of deep water quay, suitable for the docking of vessels of 40ft. draft, together with all cranes, sheds, railways, and every modern equipment.

About 200 acres of mudland, at present washed by the tide, will be reclaimed and converted into factory and industrial sites.

DECREASING FLEET.

DISPOSAL OF CANADIAN GOVERNMENT STEAMERS.

For some time past, in deference to the very clearly expressed opinion of the Canadian taxpayer, the Canadian Government has been doing its best to get out of the shipowning business, and has been steadily decreasing its fleet of cargo ships, says the Journal of Commerce.

It has not been an easy process, for the ships are of a type which are in no great demand at the moment, but buyers are gradually coming forward, mostly from Scandinavia. Knudsen interests in Norway have just bought two ships, the Canadian Voyager and Canadian Trooper. They used to run on the service between Canada, Southampton and Hamburg, but latterly have been chartered to the Dominion Coal Company more or less continuously.

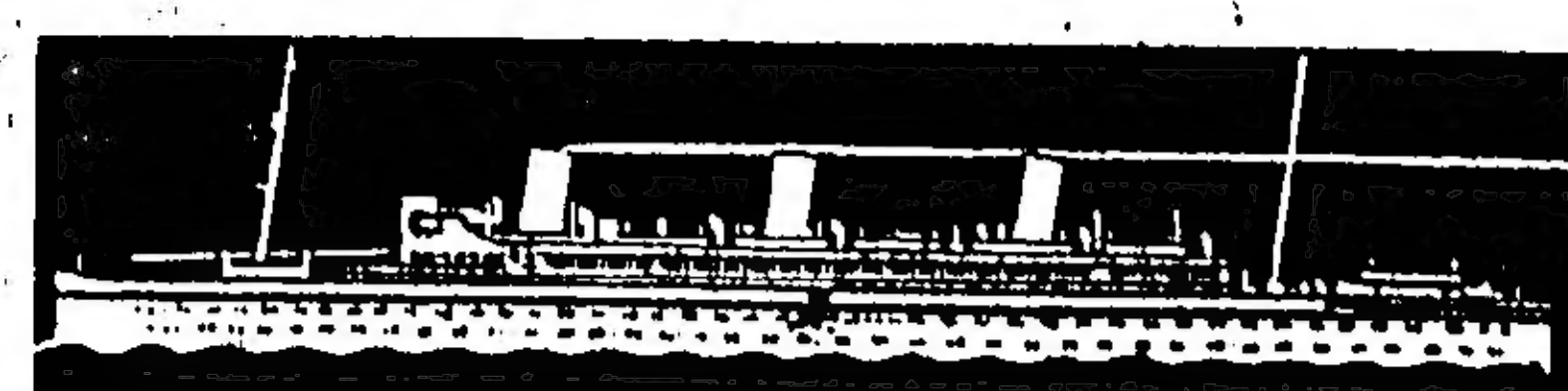
They are sister-ships, just over 3,000 tons gross, with a dead-weight capacity of 4,560 on a draft of 21 feet 6 inches, and a speed of 11 knots. They are, therefore, among the smaller ships of the fleet which the Canadian Government has left on its hands, and are not regarded as being of a saleable type. However, their disposal is a big step in the right direction, and has encouraged the Department to invite tenders for three more ships of somewhat similar design.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—Cumberland—West wall. Herald—South wall. Hermes—No. 1 buoy. Iroquois—North wall. Kent—North arm. Marazion—No. 12 buoy. Medway—No. 2 buoy. Moth—North wall. Odin—No. 2 buoy. Osiris—In dock. Oswald—In dock. Otus—No. 2 buoy. Petersfield—North wall. Sandwich—No. 6 buoy. Scapula—East wall. Sterling—North wall. Stormcloud—No. 4 buoy. Foreign Men-of-War. Adamastor—Portuguese cruiser. Vigilante—French gunboat.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. s.s. Kidderpore left Shanghai for this port on February 1 at 8 a.m., and is due here on February 4 at about 10 a.m. The E. & A. s.s. Tania left Manila for this port on February 1, p.m., with the outward Australia Mails, and is due here on February 4, a.m. The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Canada arrived at Kobe on February 2 (Mon.) at 1 p.m., and is due at Shanghai on February 4 (Wed.) at 2 p.m. She leaves Shanghai on February 5 (Thurs.) at 10 a.m. The B.J. s.s. Takada left Singapore for this port on January 31, p.m., and is due here on February 6 a.m.



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According to the Motor Ship, which publishes a complete summary of motor shipbuilding during the past twelve months, Britain's proportion of this motor ship tonnage was 45 per cent., compared with 37 per cent. a year ago. The actual total of motor ship tonnage built in Britain was 747,000 tons gross, of which 280,000 tons gross were for foreign owners.

The outlook for 1931, although much less satisfactory than was the case at the beginning of 1930, is not wholly unfavourable, for there are over 280 motor ships on order throughout the world.

THE MOTOR SHIP.

Temple Press, Ltd., send us a copy of the January issue of the Motor Ship. The following subjects are dealt with in this issue:—

Complete Review of Motor Shipbuilding in 1930.
Marine Oil Engine Progress in 1930.
The Tanker Position. List of 135 Motor Tank Ships on Order.
Motor Passenger Liners in 1930.
Motor Shipbuilding Output throughout the World.
The 12,300-ton 15½-knot Cargo Liner Otalo (with General Arrangement Plans).
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*KASHGAR	9,005	14th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*MALWA	10,580	28th Feb.	Marseilles & London.
*ALIFORE	5,273	3rd Mar.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
*KHIVA	9,135	7th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KHYBER	9,114	14th Mar.	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*SOMALI	—	21st Mar.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*RAWALPINDI	16,619	28th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
*KARMAIA	15,128	11th Apr.	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*RAJPUTANA	15,568	25th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
*SOUDAN	—	2nd May	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KALYAN	9,144	9th May	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*COMORIN	15,132	23rd May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KASHMIR	9,005	31st May	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*RANPURA	10,601	20th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KASHGAR	9,005	4th July	M'selles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
*RAWALPINDI	16,619	18th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KHYBER	9,114	1st Aug.	M'selles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
*RAJPUTANA	15,568	15th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KARMAIA	15,128	29th Aug.	Marseilles & London.
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NELLORE	6,853	1st May	

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TANDA	6,956	28th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
TAKADA	6,949	8th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KHYBER	9,114	14th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SOMALI	—	20th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,000	23rd Feb.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*RAWALPINDI	16,619	28th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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RESCUE AT SEA.

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A gallant rescue by a ship's
officer of the Jardine steamer
Yuensang is reported from Amoy,
when Mr. R. T. Salmon, third
officer, dived overboard into a
heavy sea to the assistance of a
Chinese member of the crew of a
distressed fishing junk. Unfor-
tunately the man could not be re-
vived, and was later buried at sea.

The master of the Yuensang,
Captain J. W. Pettigrew, reports
sighting a waterlogged junk last
Tuesday morning, whereupon he at
once took his ship to the rescue.
Six of the crew of seven were taken
aboard the Yuensang, but the other
man drifted away in a lifebuoy,
with his head under water. It
was then that Mr. Salmon
dived overboard after him, with a
lifeline fast round his waist. He
reached the drowning man, and
fought his way back to the ship.

Artificial respiration was of no
avail, and the body was buried at
sea. The survivors were landed in
Amoy.

"WARWICK CASTLE."

NEW UNION CASTLE LINER
READY.

The fact that the new Union-
Castle motor liner "Warwick
Castle" is to be completed in
January lends interest to her
name, which was that borne by
one of the very early ships of
Donald Currie's Castle Line fleet,
says the Journal of Commerce.

There was a ship of the same
name, a full-rigged sailing vessel
of 1,166 tons, in his Indian sail-
ing fleet before he took to the
Cape trade, but it will always be
associated with the steamer that
was built by Napiers on the Clyde
in 1877. With her gross tonnage
of only 2,923 tons, she was re-
garded as a fine ship for the Cape
trade in those days, which makes
interesting comparison with the
20,000 odd tons of her new name-
sake.

She was one of the first ships
to be built after the mail contract
of 1876, which gave the Castle
Line a share with the older Union
Company in the South African
mails, and was an iron-hulled
single-screw steamer with a speed
of 12 1/2 knots with compound en-
gines. Under the famous Captain
Webster, about whom there are
so many stories, she was quite a
favorite on the Cape run, and
great interest was added by her
race, at the beginning of her
career, with the Union liner
African, under the command of
Captain Crutchley.

The Union ship, spreading more
canvas and having a fair wind,
had the advantage to begin with,
but the Warwick Castle arrived
home well ahead. The story was
that Captain Webster went down
into the stokehold himself, and
got the very last ounce out of
her!

At the end of 1891 she was
generally modernised, given new
boilers, and had her engines
tripled by the Fairfield yard, who
at that time were building most
of the Castle Company's new
tonnage. When the work was
completed she was chartered to
Lord Ardilaun as a yacht for a
time, and then returned to the
Cape service until 1897, when she
was sold to the Booth Line, and
renamed "Jerome," for the
Brazilian trade.

In 1911 she was sold to the
Turkish Government for their
State Steamship service, under
the name of "Kerasounde," and re-
mained in the "Black Sea" for the
whole of the War, having a very
narrow escape on more than one
occasion. After the Armistice
she ran on a commercial service
in the Black Sea, but was with-
drawn in 1924, and broken up
two years later. The name was
to have been revived in 1925, but
there proved to be difficulties
under the Merchant Shipping
Act, and the ship selected for it
went to sea as the "Llandaff
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SMALL PORTS.

SAILING-SHIP OWNERS' VIEWS OF DEVELOPMENT.

The British Sailing Ship Own-
ers' Association, in their annual
report for the twelve months ended
September, 1930, state that
the association and other ship-
ping organisations, with the sup-
port of the merchants and manu-
facturers, has continued to do all
in its power to encourage the
maintenance and development of
small ports.

In principle the association
shares the view of the shipping
industry generally that the inter-
ests of the country are best served
by leaving the maintenance
and development of public utility
undertakings to normal economic
and commercial stimulus, but the
Government having decided to
render financial assistance to
such undertakings for the con-
struction of works with a view to
relieving unemployment, the de-
sirability of making grants on
the best possible terms to the
small ports was stressed.

It was found that the terms of
assistance at first offered by the
Government were insufficient to
enable a number of small ports to
undertake works of improvement
and growing urgent representa-
tions to the Government it is
satisfactory to record that im-
proved terms have now been
secured for schemes in respect of
small ports which are of value to
agriculture. The port authorities
which are thought to come within
this category have been urged to
take the necessary action without
delay, in order to obtain the bene-
fit of the new rate of grant, as it
is a condition of the revised offer
that works must be put in hand
by January 1, 1931, although
the Government is being asked to
extend this time limit if neces-
sary. The association has given
special attention to the ports fre-
quented by sailing vessels, such as
Bridgewater, Fowey and
Exmouth.

The association continues to
watch and safeguard navigation
rights and facilities in the small
ports frequented by sailing
vessels.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE

Consignees of Cargo ex a.s. Ben-
myvis are reminded to take de-
livery of their goods which will be
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Use of the warehouse is not allowed.

OLD SHIPYARD PASSES.

Historical Relic of Genoa to be
Scrapped.

One of the oldest shipyards in
Europe, the Cantieri Navale
Odero della Foce, in Genoa, Italy,
is soon to be scrapped.

It was established in 1467, and
in it were built the famous war-
galleys which were used by the
Republic against the Turkish
corsairs.

When Italy was overrun by the
French a number of fighting ships
were constructed here for
Napoleon. Genoa has grown
around the shipyard, which is
now in the centre of an industrial
district.

New houses will be erected on
the site.

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or
mean time of the meridian of 120
deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is
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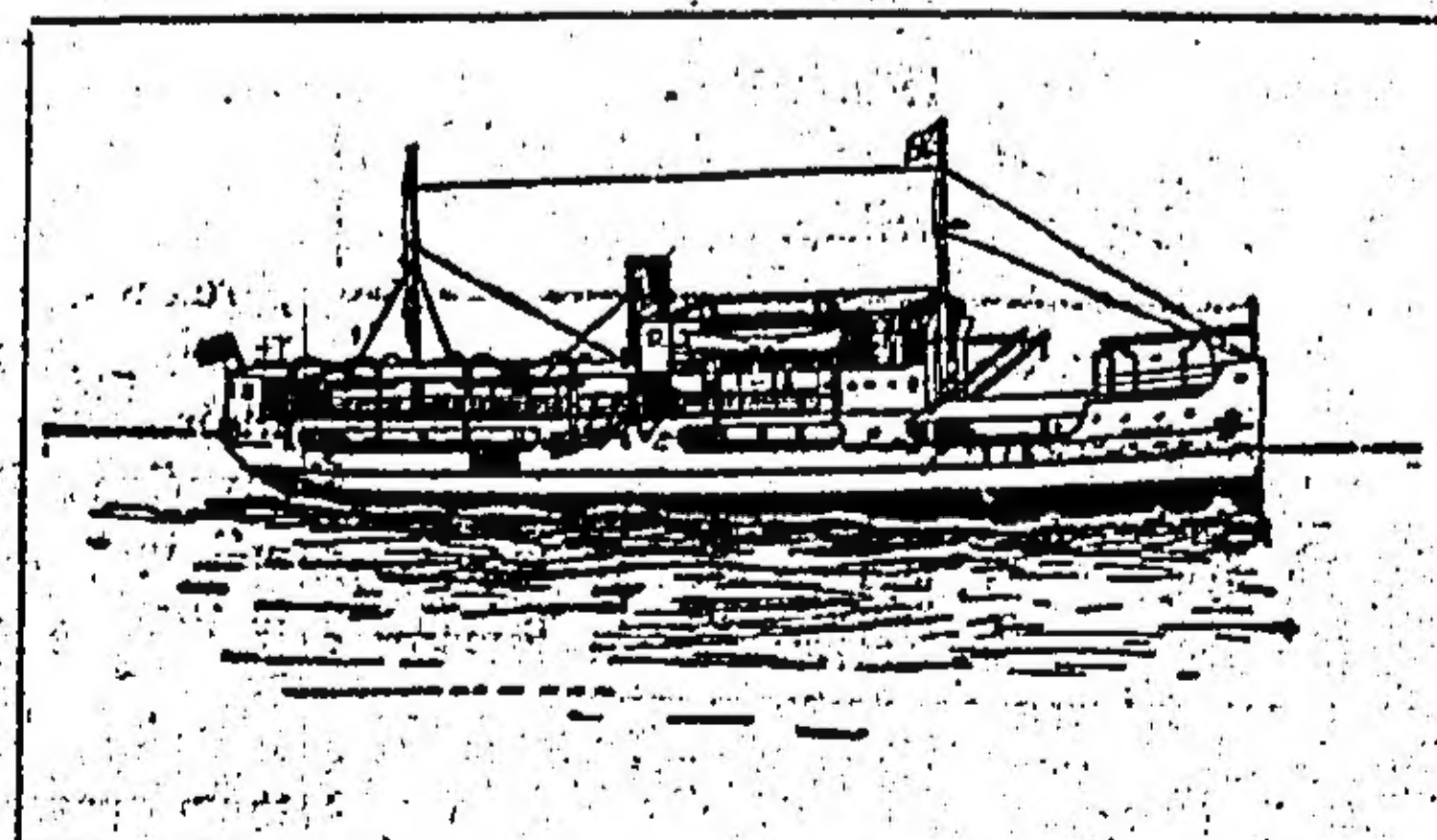
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AMBULANCE WORK.

"I take this opportunity of
stressing the great part which
you take in the good of the
community, and I appeal for
more financial assistance as
the Corps is supported by
voluntary contributions . . ."
The entire community, irre-
spective of race or creed, will re-
spect most cordially this striking
and well-deserved tribute from
His Excellency the Governor to
St. John Ambulance Brigade on
the occasion of the annual inspec-
tion yesterday afternoon. Those
who were privileged to witness
the demonstrations were treated
to a splendid display of efficiency
in ambulance work—one of the
best that has yet been given,
testifying to the painstaking zeal
of the officers and to the keen
enthusiasm of every member of
the Brigade. In the course of his
address His Excellency said: The Corps continues its
successful career, numbering 438
at the end of last year as com-
pared with 283 three years before.
It has grown since 1916 from two
Divisions to 16. During the year,
the Corps has attended lectures
and instruction in first aid, and
in the case of the nurses, they
have attended nursing lectures,
and I understand the majority of
them passed the examinations.
The Corps has kindly assisted in
the instruction of members of
the Police Force and Fire Brigade
in first aid, no fewer than 376
members of these bodies having
passed their tests in this. Gov-
ernment is very grateful to the
Corps for its co-operation.
There is no phase of community
life calling for the exercise of

humanitarian principles in
which the St. John Am-
bulance Brigade does not
most willingly and cheerfully take
a noble part. Its work is not al-
ways performed under ideal con-
ditions, but no call to duty is ever
declined; in very truth the eager-
ness with which service for the
community is voluntarily under-
taken makes the Brigade a most
valuable asset to the Colony. It
is to be hoped that the appeal
made publicly by His Excellency
Sir William Peel for more finan-
cial assistance—not small finan-
cial assistance as inadvertent-
ly stated in some of the Press
reports—will meet with a ready
and a speedy response. The Bri-
gade is in need of additional as-
sistance to provide for its equip-
ment and medical stores which,
through the fall of the dollar, have
become more expensive. It is
intended to purchase a new am-
bulance for \$6,500, whilst it is
hoped to build new headquarters
from the Corps fund. Thus, it
will be conceded, the appeal at
this juncture for more financial
assistance on the part of the
whole community is very timely.
The present state of efficiency
cannot be maintained without
adequate equipment and medical
stores. It is unthinkable that the
community would willingly per-
mit that efficiency to be impaired
—and therein lies the best hope
for a hearty response to the Gov-
ernor's appeal.

News in Brief.

His Excellency the Governor will
distribute the prizes in Queen's
College on Friday morning at 11
o'clock.

Lady Peel has kindly consented to
give away the cups and certificates
in St. Stephen's Girls' College, at
3 o'clock to-morrow.

A Chinese girl, seven years of age
yesterday, knocked down and
killed in Western Street by an
Aberdeen motor lorry.

The lowest open air temperature
yesterday was 69 degrees. The
humidity was 72 degrees at 10 a.m.
and 73 degrees at 4 p.m.

For having possession of 38 tins
of raw opium at Canton Road
yesterday Chan Tai, a Chinese, was
fined \$1,148 or six months' im-
prisonment at the Kowloon Magistrate's
court.

Mr. I. Furuya having been
transferred to the Shanghai
branch, Mr. K. Yoshikawa is
authorised to sign as per pro-
manager for the Bank of Taiwan,
Limited, in Hong Kong.

The forthcoming wedding is an-
nounced of John Barnes, 10, Cause-
way Hill, Causeway Bay, Hong
Kong, to Gertrude Lavina, Row-
botham, 484, Oldham Road, Falla-
worth, Manchester, England.

A returned banished was sen-
tenced to one year's imprisonment
at the Kowloon Magistrate's court
for returning to the Colony before
his term of banishment was over,
and for three separate charges of
larceny.

At the Kowloon Magistrate's
court Chan Sai-lo was fined \$195 for
having seven mace of non-Govern-
ment prepared opium, and \$56 for
having 6.5 tins of raw opium.
The seizures were made at 620,
Canton Road, yesterday.

On the occasion of Ladies' Night
on Thursday, the Y.M.C.A. Amateur
Dramatic Players will produce "The
Cambridge Triangle," "In Port,"
and "The Stopmother." Songs will
be contributed by Mrs. Rendall and
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McLeod.

H.M.S. Suffolk will sail from
Shanghai shortly to meet Vice-
Admiral Sir William Archer Ho-
ward Kelly, successor to Vice-
Admiral Sir Arthur Wastell as
Commander-in-Chief of the China
Squadron. The new Commander-
in-Chief left Home last month.

"I wanted to eat them," was the
excuse offered by Li Yu, an un-
employed Chinese, when charged at
the Kowloon Magistrate's court
with stealing 80 cakes from a stall in
Kansu Street, while the hawk was
absent, yesterday. Mr. Butters
sent him to jail for three weeks.

The funeral of Mrs. Rebecca
J. S. Shak took place at the
Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley,
yesterday afternoon, the Rev. J. F.
Shak officiating, together with
seven other priests. There was a
large attendance at the graveside,
and many wreaths and letters of
condolence were received.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TOTTERING ON BANKRUPTCY.

[To the Editor of "China Mail"]
My dear,—I think poor Sir Wil-
liam was just too devastatingly
right about our tottering on bank-
ruptcy and all that.

At that dreadfully gloomy St.
George's Ball you could see that
our taps were quite without
visible means and their wives too
utterly indigent. Why, several
were simply no diamonds and I cut
myself against a bone shirt stud.

Maud told me that if things go
on like this she will take the veil
and, my dear, I'm sure she needs it
for she'd positively no back to her
dress and that must have been total
vagrance because you know she's
always said we must get a high
standard of modesty in this alien
land. And if you dine with
simply any of the best people you
find you're positively forced to eat
peanuts instead of salted almonds
and you go home agonisingly empty
after a meagre seven courses.

And Tubby says that with every
one starving we simply must not
have more than one new car this
Spring and, my dear, I don't see
why we should be quite reduced to
mendicancy to feed those horrid
biped Civil Servants. Can't
they be deported or something?
Your too crushingly taxed
Porsy.

Hong Kong, February 2.

ART OF GRETA GARBO.

[To the Editor of "China Mail"]
Dear "Tennob"—You seem to
know something—, you ask what
does the film public want? Who
knows? I don't! But I have a
feeling. Oh, no! not sympathy—
not a fellow feeling (you know),
but a cr. . . (No, I can't describe
it). You see "Tennob," old dear, I
see two eyes—sad eyes; yes, not
Merry eyes. Well, you see they
seem to be a mixture—they express
all moods. (Some say they are the
mirrors of the soul). Tragic, sad;
beckoning, merry; reckless, cal-
culating; cold, passionately haunt-
ing eyes. No; This is not a touch of
the sun's rays; but of a 'star'. Ah,
hah! can it be the Garbo touch?
Ora, moment the body is relaxed,
comfortable, content; but never
limp. Sort of satisfied, you know;
but still, not quite. Next moment
it is all alert, as if activated by a
desire. Thoughts run riot through
the brain. 'Tis like a dream
The 'back to earth' (or Hong Kong)
process is slow and pleasant—and
so to bed. (Maybe to more
dreams—who'll tell). The complex
really beggars description. Can
one become Garbo-anised or is it
that the Garbo lies?
Yours, etc.,
"ONRAO ATENO"

Hong Kong, February 3.

The Judge: This lady says you
tried to speak to her at the station.
Student: It was a mistake. I was
looking for my room-mate's sister,
whom I had never seen, but who
had been described to me as a
handsome blonde, with classic fea-
tures, fine complexion, perfect
figure, beautifully dressed, and—
The witness: "I don't care to
prosecute the gentleman. Anyone
might make the same mistake."

ACTION AGAINST
DIRECTORS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Chairman Retires.
After two hours, Mr. Li Yu-tong
left the Chair and said that he was
unable to control the meeting. Mr.
Potter did not claim to give his
exact words, but in effect he said:
"You better elect another Chair-
man. I can't manage."
The other side, Mr. Potter point-
ed out, claimed that Mr. Li Yu-tong
closed or dissolved the meeting.

Chairman's Authority.
Counsel asserted that it was im-
material whether Mr. Li Yu-tong
left the Chair or dissolved the meet-
ing, because if his Lordship found
that, in fact, the resolutions con-
tained in the requisition were not
put to the meeting that the Chair-
man had no authority to adjourn,
close or dissolve the meeting, or
present discussion on the right re-
solutions. The meeting continued
under another Chairman who finally
signed the minutes as a whole.

A confirmatory meeting was held
on July 24 under the same "se-
cond" chairman and it was decided
to demand the resignation of the
then Directors, and demand the
handing over of the control of the
Company and its seal.

Mr. Potter said that the only
point he was concerned with was
that Mr. Li Yu-tong retired from
the meeting.

Minutes in Dispute.
According to the minutes of the
meeting, kept by a shareholder,
which Counsel produced, Mr. Li
Yu-tong was represented to have
tendered his resignation to the
meeting and retired.

Mr. Jenkin: We have our own
minutes of that meeting, and we
don't accept those.

Mr. Potter: I have not heard of
those other minutes before, al-
though I should have heard before
now!

Mr. Jenkin pointed out that they
were in the affidavits.
Proceeding, Mr. Potter said that
Mr. Li Yu-tong left the Chair and
the room, followed by a body of his
supporters. The meeting, as he
had stated, elected another chair-
man and proceeded to deal with the
resolutions the meeting was con-
vened for.

Shareholders' Rights.
Counsel contended that the share-
holders present were entitled to
have the meeting proceeded with
and if anyone wanted to leave they
could do so without affecting the
validity of the meeting. The
meeting was properly held and the
continuation under a second Chair-
man was not a second meeting as
the defendants alleged. His con-
tention was that it was a continua-
tion of the meeting after the Chair-
manship of Mr. Li Yu-tong came to
an end.

The case is proceeding after the
tiffin interval.

ELECTORAL REFORM

DEBATE ON THE BILL
EXPECTED.

ALTERNATIVE VOTE.

Rugby, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons to-
day, the Home Secretary, Mr.
J. R. Clynes, moved the second
reading of the Representation of
the People Bill, which introduces
an alternative vote, and other
changes in electoral procedure.
Sir Samuel Hoare moved the
rejection of the Bill on behalf of
the Conservatives. Sir Herbert
Samuel, for the Liberals, spoke in
support of the Bill. A division
will be taken on Tuesday night—
British Wireless Service.

STOP PRESS

Berlin, Yesterday.
In the course of the
Reichstag Foreign Affairs
Committee's discussion on the
Curtius report on the last
meeting of the Council of the
League of Nations the Nazis
passed a motion demanding
Germany's withdrawal from
the League on the ground of
the League's "complete
failure as regards protection
of national minorities and
disarmament." Communists
also demanded a withdrawal.
Both motions were defeated.
—Reuter.

Nanking, To-day.
The Government has
ordered the confiscation of all
property owned by Marshal
Yen Hsi-shan.

Five aeroplanes are ex-
pected shortly for the Nan-
king-Berlin air line. Two
junior planes are due in
Shanghai on February 12.
The first trial flight from
Nanking to Berlin will take
place on March 1. Reuter.

WEDDING AT HOME.

CAPT. F. G. SILLITOE THE
BRIDEGROOM.

BLACKHEATH BRIDE.

The marriage between Captain
Frederick George Sillitoe, R.M.
son of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Sillitoe,
of Havant, Hampshire, and former-
ly A.D.C. to Sir Cecil Clementi
when Governor of Hong Kong, and
Elfrida Whitty, youngest daugh-
ter of Mr. T. Durant Chandler, of
9 Orchard Drive, Blackheath, was
solemnised on December 17 in the
Parish Church of St. Margaret,
Lee, by the Rector, the Rev. F. H.
Gillingham, who gave a short
address.

Mr. Fred. Leeds, B.M.U.S.,
F.R.C.O., was at the organ and
played appropriate music, including
Mendelssohn's Wedding March as
the bridal party left the church.

During the service the hymns
"God be with them" and "O Perfect
Love" were sung and the Psalm "I
will lift up mine eyes unto the
hills" was chanted, and during the
singing of the register the anthem
"Jerusalem" (Parry) was beauti-
fully rendered.

The bride, who was given away
by her father, wore an Empire
gown of parchment-tinted satin,
with a train of silver tissue, draped
with antique lace and caught up
with horseshoes of white heather.
Cream tulle composed her veil,
which was worn with a wreath of
orange blossom, and she carried a
bouquet of lilies-of-the-valley and
white heather.

The bridesmaids—Miss Lillias
Chandler, Miss Muriel Kendall
(cousin of the bride) and Miss
Evelyn Densham—wore turquoise-
blue satin dresses with chiffon
velvet coats, trimmed with grey-fox
fur, and wreaths of silver leaves
and scarlet berries.

Lieutenant Cosmo La Roche
Salter, Royal Marines, acted as best
man. The bridesmaids carried
bouquets of scarlet carnation
mounted on blue velvet muffs.
They wore French paste clasps, the
gifts of the bridegroom.

After the ceremony a reception
was held at 9 Orchard Drive, where
Miss Evelyn Ruggs' Trio Band was
in attendance.

Subsequently Captain and Mrs.
Sillitoe left for their honeymoon in
Bournemouth, the bride travelling
in a blue wool georgette dress,
tweed coat to match and blue hat.

The presents included:—Bride to
Bridegroom—gold wrist watch,
Bridegroom to Bride—dressing
case with blue enamel and silver
fittings, Bride's Father—silver tea
set and cheque, Bridegroom's
Parents—silver vases, Bride's
Father to Bridegroom—gold links
and studs, Sir Cecil and Lady
Clementi, silver salver.

CAPT. W. PASSMORE.

DEATH OF VETERAN SEA
CAPTAIN.

OLD FREEMASON.

At his residence at Humphrey's
Buildings, Kowloon, Captain Wil-
liam Cooper Passmore passed away
early yesterday. He is survived
by a wife and child.

Capt. Passmore was a popular
figure on the China Coast being
with the Douglas Steamship Co.
for close on forty years. During
the war he commanded the Hal-
ching which was used as a trans-
port on the Basra run.

He was one of the oldest Free-
masons in the Colony.
The funeral will pass the
Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

HONG KONG NATURALIST.

The first number of the second
volume of the Hong Kong Natural-
ist will be published toward the end
this month. It will contain up-
ward of 80 pages, including nearly
50 illustrations, two in colour.

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coloured illustrations, and to the
increased size of the journal the
edition is strictly limited. To
avoid disappointment intending
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the great demand for back num-
bers the Editors are prepared to
purchase, at cost price if in good
condition, any of the first four
numbers that are no longer re-
quired.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of
February 3, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/6

The light cruiser Newcastle
which was paid off for disposal
earlier in the year, is to be prepared
at Chatham for sale. The New-
castle was serving on the China
Station at the outbreak of the war,
and was abroad throughout the
hostilities.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE
BRIGADE.Reviewed by H.E. the
Governor.

AN INTERESTING DISPLAY.

His Excellency the Governor conducted the annual inspection of the St. John Ambulance Brigade at Caroline Hill yesterday, afterward distributing prizes won during the year, and briefly addressing the Brigade.

The Brigade paraded under Mr. Alfred Morris (Assistant Commissioner), and Mr. J. Ralston (Corps Superintendent), besides giving a demonstration of first-aid methods. The work evoked earnest warm congratulations from the Governor.

His Excellency was attended by his A. D. C. (Captain Colman), and Lady Peel, upon arrival, was accompanied by Mr. G. W. A. Tufton, (Private Secretary) H. E. the General Officer Commanding (Major-General J. W. Sandilands), the Commander, (Captain A. H. Walker), and Mrs. Walker, were also amongst those present.

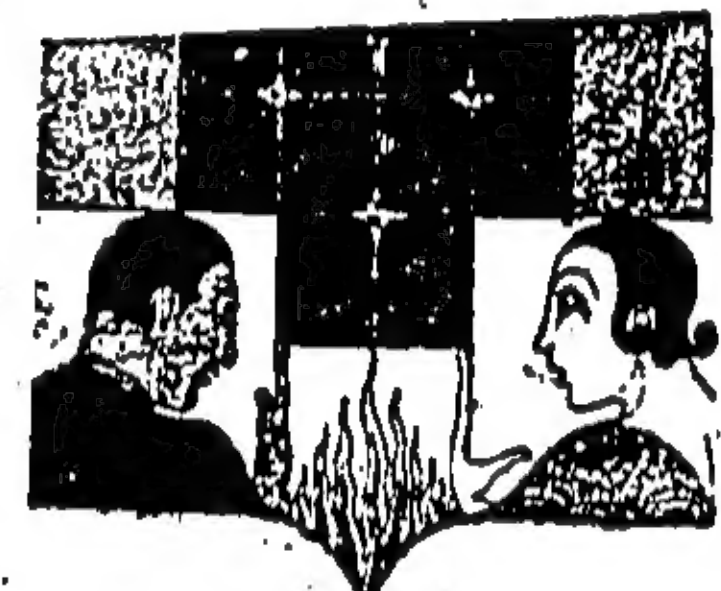
There was a large number of spectators, including many Chinese, who seemed to be deeply interested in the review, particularly the treatment of the "patients."

His Excellency was accorded a salute by the entire Brigade upon arrival, the Band of the South Wales Borderers playing the National Anthem.

Governor's Congratulations.

After presenting the prizes, Sir William Peel congratulated the Corps on its efficiency, and hoped that the success of the prize winners would incite others to emulate their success.

Sir William also referred to the loss by the Corps of Mr. Ralphs, late Assistant Commissioner, to whom the progress made had been largely due. He congratulated Mr. Morris on his appointment in Mr.



Wife: "One wife too many! He must have been a bigamist!"
Hubby: "Not necessarily, my dear."—Smith's Weekly, Sydney.

Ralphs's attend. There was one sad note which must be struck, and that was the loss of Mr. Savage, late District Commissioner for Kowloon.

A Successful Career.

Sir William then referred to the successful career of the Corps. From two Divisions in 1916 it had grown to sixteen. Between October, 1929, and April, 1930, 134,000 vaccinations had been performed, and up to the present season, 70,000 more. The Corps had also done excellent work in cases of suicide, assaults, and outbreaks of fire. He appealed for more financial assistance for the Corps, which was supported by voluntary contributions.

The Prize Winners

The address concluded, His Excellency stood at the saluting base, where the entire brigade, including the motor and nursing sections, marched past, whilst Sir William took the salute.

The prize winners were as follows:

Long Service Medal.—Chan Man-ka, of Kowloon Division.

Ralphs Shield.—King's College Division.

Savage Memorial.—Y.M.C.A.

Ho Kom-tong Shield.—Victoria Nursing Division.

Holyoak Attendance Cup.—Railway Division.

Lau Chu Pak Cup (Duty).—Y.M.C.A.

Wong Kwong Tin Vaccination Cup.—Mong Kok Division.

Ho Fook Efficiency Cup.—Squad 4.

Swimming Trophies.

Ellis Kadorie Shield, Ho Tung Cup for Life Saving, Ho Brothers Cup, Nam Yeung Cup, Chan Chan-nam Cup, Chater Challenge Shield, all won by St. Joseph's Division.

An old negro preacher owned a mule. One Sunday morning, while the preacher was delivering his sermon, the mule perished in putting his head in at the window and braying loudly.

The preacher finally said: "Bred-dern and alstern, is dere one among you all who knows how to keep that mule quiet?"

"Fahson," came the reply: "If you will, I can tie a stone on dat mule's tail he sho will be quiet."

"Bred-dern and alstern," said the preacher, "let him who is without sin tie de first stone."

CHINESE TO BE
DEPORTED.Aliens to Go Aboard
Three Ships.

ACTION ON MANILA.

Manila, January 23.

Based on his action on the findings of the board of special inquiry of the immigration division, bureau of customs, the insular collector of customs yesterday ordered the deportation of Ching Hua-huy and Lim Kim-khoe, two Chinese residents of Manila, who were found responsible for the illegal entry of Chuang Ah-si, a Chinese woman, from Amoy, China.

Legal advisers of the two Chinese residents are expected to take the matter to Court through Habeas Corpus proceedings. The insular collector of customs, on his part, will not take the matter to court as he is empowered to order the deportation of those found responsible for the illegal importation and traffic of women.

The two Chinese residents whose deportation has been ordered, admitted before the board of special inquiry that late last year they went to Amoy for the purpose of bringing the woman to the Philippines. They likewise corroborated a statement made previously by the Chinese woman that they secured the permission of the woman's aunt to bring her to the Philippines "on a pleasure visit."

Eighteen other Chinese have been ordered deported on board three liners leaving for China, to-day.

Ching Hua-huy and Lim Kim-khoe with 12 others are to be shipped by customs authorities to Amoy on board the s.s. Hua Tong; two others are to be deported on the s.s. President Jackson; while still two other deportees are to leave on the U.S.N.T. Chaumont for China.—Manila Bulletin.

SWEETS DUSTED WITH
ARSENIC.(Mistaken for Harmless
Powder.)

William Ashley, sweet manufacturer, of Waterloo Road, Burslem, and Whitland Upton, sugar boller, of Albert Street, Tunstall, answered summonses at Stoke-on-Trent arising from the recent cases of poisoning in the Potteries, stated to be due to the eating of sweets containing arsenic.

Three of five summonses against Ashley alleged that he powdered sweets with arsenic as to render them injurious to health, and the others that he sold the sweets powdered with arsenic. Of four summonses against Upton, three alleged that he aided and abetted Ashley to powder the sweets and the other that he powdered the sweets with arsenic.

Mr. W. L. Allen, prosecuting, said that the case might be described as one of such wicked careless indifference on the part of the two men concerned that nearly 100 children and adults were almost immediately poisoned, and it was only by reason of the magnitude of the carelessness that they escaped. The arsenic was present in such tremendous quantity that its immediate effect was to make the children sick before it could be distributed through their systems.

Hundredweight of Arsenic.

Upton had premises in Tunstall, where a box was found containing nearly a hundredweight of arsenic. "How it got there we are not now concerned," added Mr. Allen. Ashley and his son were ill, and they sent for Upton to boil their sweets. Powder from his place was used to dust the sweets, and subsequently by Ashley at later bollings.

Evidence was given that the defendants thought that they were using genuine dusting powder, and Inspector Diggle, of Stoke City Police, agreed that Upton made a previous statement that he bought the powder as dusting powder from a well-known firm and that that was the impression he gave to Ashley.

Detective Green said that in the same yard as Upton had his premises were works where enamelling was done. For this arsenic was used. It was just ordinary white powder, which might easily be mistaken for dusting powder.

Upton was fined £25 on one summons for powdering, and Ashley £15 on a similar summons. The other summonses were withdrawn.

JANUARY RAIN.

The record of rainfall during January at the Botanic Gardens was as follows:—

January	Inch.
1	.01
2	.01
3	.01
4	.01
5	.01
6	.01
7	.01
8	.01
9	.01
10	.01
11	.01
12	.01
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14	.01
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17	.01
18	.01
19	.01
20	.01
21	.01
22	.01
23	.01
24	.01
25	.01
26	.01
27	.01
28	.01
29	.01
30	.01
Total	0.53

PRIESTESS TO DANCE
IN PARIS.Cambodia Maidens Will
Be at Overseas Fair.

A KING'S BALLET.

Paris, Jan. 15.

Twenty priestesses of the Buddhist religion, who are also dancing girls in the royal palace of Pnom-Penh, capital of Cambodia, will appear in a series of exotic dances to be staged in connection with the International Overseas Exposition which opens its gates next May in Paris.

These girls are members of the ballet maintained by King Monivong, monarch of Cambodia, and he has given his consent for their appearance in Paris.

Their dances are part of the religious rite, based upon the old legends of the Ramayana, one of the sacred books of Cambodia. The twenty priestesses will be accompanied by a group of native singers, also native musicians playing the primitive instruments of Cambodia. They will give a spectacular performance on the monumental staircase of the Temple of Angkor reconstructed in Paris at the cost of \$1,000,000. Scores of flashlights will illuminate this marvel of Khmer architecture, as the Cambodian priestesses dance.

These maidens enter the royal palace at the age of six, and go through a thorough course of physical and religious training before they are permitted to dance in Buddhist rites before the monarch.—United Press.

INSURANCE IN
INDIA.Too Many Fly-By-Night
Companies.

ACTUARY'S WARNING.

Considering the number of sound and well established insurance companies already doing business in India there is every justification for a warning given by the Government Actuary in the Indian Insurance Year Book for 1929 that has lately been published, says the Pioneer.

Those contemplating the formation of any new life assurance company, the Government Actuary declares, would do well to study the table in his report showing lengthy periods during which no dividends were paid by many of the existing companies, especially by those established in the past 18 years or so and realise that the companies shown in the list are survivors of a larger number, the remainder of which have been unsuccessful.

"Further," he adds, "as some of the younger companies have been much handicapped by having too small an amount of paid-up capital, I suggest that no company should commence business until at least Rs.2 lakhs of paid-up capital has been secured."

In the meantime, however, I think it undesirable for any more new life assurance companies to be established as their advent can only add to the reckless and indiscriminate endeavour to secure new business, regardless of cost, which nowadays has become too prevalent."

"ALL QUIET" IN VIENNA.

View That Film Should be
Banned.

Vienna, Dec. 22.

The hotly contested film "All Quiet on the Western Front," shown to the Press at a special performance, leads to numerous articles. Herr Schober's organ, Neueste Nachrichten, which had been clamouring for a ban on the film, now writes that it is unable to see any intrinsic reason for forbidding it, but thinks that Austria, out of solidarity with Germany, ought to do so.

The Wiener Tag hopes, on the contrary, that Austria's example in allowing the film may induce Germany to reverse the decision of the board of film censorship. The Neue Freie Presse and the Tageblatt take up a similar viewpoint.

RS. 30,000 SEIZURE.

CUSTOMS FIND ON BOARD
VESSEL AT CALCUTTA.

Cocaine valued at Rs. 30,000 was seized by Calcutta Customs officers on board the Talamba which has just returned to Calcutta after a Far Eastern trip.

The drug was packed in tin boxes which were concealed in the fore-part of the vessel. There were no arrests.

Wife: "Last night I dreamt you bought me a hat."

Hubby: "That's the first dream of a hat you ever had that didn't cost me anything."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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The first number of the second volume of the Hong Kong Naturalist will be published towards the end of February, 1931. It will contain upwards of 30 pages, including nearly 50 illustrations, two in colour.

Owing to the high cost of the coloured illustrations and to the increased size of the journal the edition is strictly limited. To avoid disappointment intending subscribers should send their subscriptions early to Dr. G. A. C. Herklotz, The University, Hong Kong.

Volume I is sold out. Owing to the great demand for back numbers the Editors are prepared to purchase, at cost price if in good condition, any of the first four numbers that are no longer required.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong

Kong Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

To-day—Dinner Dances at Hong

Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 8 p.m.

To-day—Whist Drive, Helena

May Institute, Kowloon, 8.45 p.m.

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre.

"Romance."

To-day—Central Theatre.

"Love Comes Along."

To-day—Majestic Theatre.

"Swing High."

To-day—World Theatre.

"Conquering Beauty," (Chinese picture).

To-day—Star Theatre.

"The Flying Fleet."

Thursday—Concert, Helena May

Institute.

Home Mails.

To-morrow—Inward from Europe

via Siberia (Kidderpore); Outward

for San Francisco and Europe via

Siberia, (Asama Maru), 8.30 a.m.

Sports.

See Diary on page 8.

Meetings.

February 10—H. K. Land In-

vestment & Agency Co., Ltd.,

ordinary meeting, Messrs Jardine

Matheson's Office 12.30 p.m.

February 12—Annual Meeting of

"Star" Ferry Company Ltd., Jardine

Matheson's Office, 12.30 p.m.

Lammer's Auctions.

February 6—At Sales room, 4

Duddell Street, curios, 2.30

p.m.; jewellery, 3 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—English Association

Lecture, Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

To-morrow—Distribution of

cups and certificates in St.

Stephen's Girls' College, 3 p.m.

To-morrow—University Lecture

on "Radium" by Dr. J. K. Mont-

gomery, 5.30 p.m.

February 7—Diocesan Girls'

School prize distribution, 2.30 p.m.

February 12—French Convent

School prize distribution.

February 19—Entries close for

Horticultural Society's Annual

Show of Flowers and Vegetables,

noon.

February 25—Horticultural So-

ciety's Annual Show of Flowers and

Vegetables, City Hall.

PRES. TAFT.

PROMINENT PASSENGERS ON
BOARD.

Among the passengers from Hong Kong on the President Taft, which sailed to-day for Seattle via Shanghai and Japan, were the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond B. Stevens, returning home to the U.S. on a holiday trip. Mr. Stevens is the Adviser of the Foreign Office of the Siam Government.

Mr. J. V. Crowe, general manager of the Ford Motor Co., Shanghai, returning to Headquarters from a business trip to the South.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Millington, Shanghai residents returning from a business trip to Hong Kong.

Mrs. F. Cole MacLean, travelling to Shanghai. Well-known in social circles in Los Angeles.

Mr. T. W. Philles, connected with Anderson Meyer and Co., travelling to Shanghai.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

Per m.s. Hikawa Maru from

Seattle on February 1:—

E. H. Watson, Mrs. E. W.

Watson, Basilio Francisco, Mrs.

Beatrice Francisco, Theodoros

Francisco, Mrs. Nora B. Moffe,

Miss Henry Smith, Richard

M. Tinken, Juan Jose Salazar,

Mrs. Rosa Benavides, Miss

Emma Salas Benavides, Milton

Weisman, M. Gordon Cotterall,

Miss Eugene Cotterall, Mr. and

Mrs. Wm. P. Ramsey, C. F.

Christensen, Mrs. W. B. Christian,

F. J. True, Sister Winifred, E. F.

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Adolph Felger, Byron Croise,

Vigil, L. Kippatrick, Eugene

Bry.

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No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hong Kong, 3rd February, 1931.

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON

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A Valuable Collection of

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On View from Thursday, February 5, 1931.

LAMBERT BROS., Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, February 3, 1931.

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One Fine Diamond Ring 10.16 Carats.

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One Diamond Bracelet.

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On View from Thursday, February 5, 1931.

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Hong Kong, February 3, 1931.

IGNORANCE IS BLISS.

A RUSSIA THAT KNOWS NOT
THE SOVIET.

The post-office at Leningrad recently received a letter, posted only a few days previously, from the village of Ukow, in the province of Kazan. The address on the envelope was as follows:—"To His Majesty the Tsar Nicholas II, the Winter Palace, Petersburg."

There are in fact still a number of places in remote parts of Russia where the peasants know nothing of the events that have taken place during the last thirteen years, and where they believe that their "Batushka" (Little Father) still rules over them from the Winter Palace at St. Petersburg to this day.

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HONG KONG SHANGHAI MANILA.

HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION. INTERPORT PROGRAMME.

WEDNESDAY, February 18th, HONG KONG v. SHANGHAI.
SATURDAY, February 21st, SHANGHAI v. CHINESE.
MONDAY, February 23rd, SHANGHAI v. UNITED SERVICES.

All matches will be played on the Hong Kong Football Club ground starting at 3.30 p.m. sharp.
Booking for the Interport ONLY will be at Messrs. Moutries, Ltd., and will open for Clubs affiliated to the Association on February 5th. Booking for the General Public will open on February 10th.
Prices:—Covered Stand \$2.20. Uncovered Stand \$1.10 including tax.

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HONG KONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

Sport Columns

AMERICAN YACHTING INVASION.

Britannia Undergoes
Alterations.

LOAN OF VESSELS.

American yachtsmen are giving keen and practical support to the proposed "invasion" of British waters, and it is now certain that a considerable fleet will cross the Atlantic early this season, says the Observer.

The King's famous Britannia is being altered, mainly in prospect of this strong international competition. The Americans will be led by Weetmoe, one of the vessels built specially for the defence of the America's Cup. She has been bought from the Morgan-Nicholls syndicate (who built her) by Mr. Fred. Prince, an all-round sportsman well-known in Europe. Weetmoe will be handled by Mr. Dick Boardman, who is one of the cleverest of American helmsmen.

Meanwhile, yachtsmen on this side are fondly recalling Britannia's illustrious record against other "crack" Yanks. The King's good ship heavily defeated the Navahoe in 1893, and in the following year she also defeated the successful Cup yacht Vigilant in a long series of terrific watches.

It is also known that individual buyers are negotiating for the purchase of the other vessels which wealthy syndicates built for the honour of meeting Shamrock V. One is reported to have been sold to a British yachtsman, now in America.

Maiden Voyages.

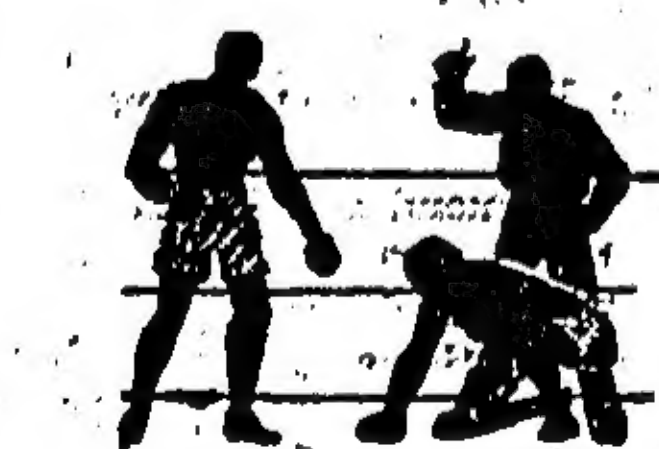
The smaller American visitors, of whom there are to be about a score, will make the passage across the Atlantic the occasion of a race among themselves. They will leave Newport, Rhode Island, on July 4, bound for Plymouth. For many of them this race will be the maiden voyage, for they have been newly-built for the purpose of participating in the various ocean races.

The Ocean Racing Club's programme starts with the English Channel fixture in July. Then, on August 11, comes the sterner test round the 600-odd miles of the Fastnet course. On August 21 the fleet will race to Santander, Spain.

It is already being pointed out that, unless British participation in these events is stronger than in recent seasons, it may be that the Americans will outnumber the British competitors! But we lack neither the ships nor the men. The trouble, though, is to bring them together.

Many owners of perfectly suitable craft are too old, or otherwise disinclined, to this most strenuous sort of seafaring. One suggestion is that such owners might lend their vessels to less affluent enthusiasts, of whom there are plenty.

BOXING



THEATRE ROYAL
SATURDAY, Feb. 7th.
at 9.15 p.m.

MAIN EVENT

15 Rounds Contest for
Middleweight Championship of
the Colony and Belt

Between
JOCK CRICHTON,
SHANGHAI

Welter and Middle Weight
Champion of the Colony,

and
A. B. EWING,
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Booking at Montre's—
For Members of the
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on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY,
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FRIDAY and SATURDAY,
February 5th and 6th.

RINGSIDE SEATS \$5.00
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INCLUDING TAX.

DOCTOR'S OPINION OF GOLF.

Should Middle-Aged
Man Take Up Game?

HEART STRAIN.

Golf—with the outdoor exercise it affords, its employment of so many different sets of muscles, its call on the mental as well as the physical system—has everything to commend it as one of the finest exercises for the healthy adult, writes Dr. Lechmere Anderson, Medical Officer of Health for Doncaster.

The question that I am always being asked, however—should the man of fifty, sixty, seventy or over play golf?—depends for its answer upon what is meant by golf.

If it implies the daily playing of one or two rounds, then its influence upon the health of the man above maturity must be carefully considered.

Where abuse replaces moderation, it does not matter whether at sport or at work, nature demands a penalty. At golf that penalty may only take the form of strained and stiffened muscles, but it may mean heart failure.

Mistaken Advantages.

The greatest danger in golf is to the middle-aged man who has taken up the game largely through realising that his health—it may only be his figure—is not all he could desire.

He has heard so much of the advantages it brings that he feels convinced that he will attain complete rejuvenation if he purchases a set of clubs and begins to play the game assiduously.

Golf should have no terrors for the man whose life has had its full share of outdoor exercise, but it is bound to have adverse effects on the man whose later years have been devoted to office and indoor life, and who takes up the game in a strenuous manner without any preliminary training.

The mere carrying of a bag with even the smallest complement of clubs imposes a considerable strain, and when one considers the number of times the beginner has to put down his bag and pick it up again, some idea of the amount of muscular exercise, with its attendant heart labour, may be imagined.

Strain All The Time.

This extra labour may be avoided by employing a caddy, but apart from the expense the middle-aged golf beginner rarely feels that his feeble efforts justify such an attendant.

The actual task of hitting the ball imposes no slight strain, for while a scratch player will do a hole in a few strokes, the score of the novice is known to himself alone.

The task of finding his ball when it leaves the fairway and falls into the rough increases enormously the distance he walks, and while his muscles are kept in full employment, his mental system does not escape strain.

The middle-aged beginner should make moderation his rule in golf. If he is unaccustomed to severe exercise he should not undertake the game lightly, but plan each day's play beforehand.

When these rules are observed it will be surprising to the middle-aged player who walks before he runs to discover how rapidly his health and vigour will improve under the benign influence of the game.

TO-DAY'S INTERPORT TRIAL.

Teams to Be Chosen
After Match.

The following have been selected to play in an Interport Trial match against the Navy to-day on the Hong Kong Football Club ground at 4.30 p.m. sharp:—

Clark (Police); Li Tin-sang (South China); Bishop (Club) (Captain); Hedley (Kowloon); Eymon (S.W.B.); Leoman (A. & S.J.); B. Gosano (Barnes); Sogalan (Club); A. V. Gosano (Barnes); Pang King-chung (South China); and Ip Pak-wa (South China).

Reserves: Suen Kam-ahun (Athletic); Lam Yik-ying (Athletic); Strange (Club); A. Duncan (Club); Lickturno (A. & S.J.).

Club Secretaries are asked to warn both players and reserves to be at the Hong Kong Football Club House, not later than 4.15 p.m. this afternoon.

As the conclusion of this match the team to represent Hong Kong in the Interport match will be chosen.

HOME FOOTBALL.

STOKE TOO GOOD FOR PRESTON
NORTH END.

SECOND DIVISION MATCH.

In the Second Division of the English League Stoke met Preston North End and won by a couple of goals margin.

Result as cabled by Reuter:—

Stoke	3	Preston N.E.	1				
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Everton	27	20	4	3	87	42	44
Tottenham	27	17	2	8	66	35	36
West Brom.	27	15	5	7	57	34	35
Wolves	26	17	0	9	62	33	34
Preston N.E.	27	16	1	10	61	43	33
Bradford	27	13	5	9	70	42	31
Port Vale	27	14	3	10	54	48	31
Luton	27	13	3	11	57	53	29
Burnley	26	12	5	9	54	55	29
Southampton	27	11	5	10	45	40	28
Oldham	27	11	5	12	40	49	27
Sheff. Wed.	27	10	1	11	40	51	26
Charlton	27	9	6	12	38	55	24
Swansea	27	9	5	13	39	50	23
Bradford C.	26	8	6	12	36	47	22
Plymouth	27	9	4	14	49	61	22
Grimsby	27	8	6	13	31	54	22
Millwall	27	9	5	13	53	63	21
Barnsley	27	7	13	30	47	21	19
Sheff. For.	27	6	8	13	48	62	20
Reading	28	7	5	16	41	71	19
Cardiff	26	7	4	15	39	59	18

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

GOLF—To-day—Second Round of Ross Cup.
Saturday—Captain's Cup, Fanning.

Sunday—Captain's Cup (Semi-Final), Fanning; Fear Cup, Kowloon Golf Club.

February 10—Junior Section, Championship, R.H.K.G.C. (First round).

CHESS—To-day—Kowloon Chess Club Championship.
Friday—Kowloon Chess Club Championship.

FOOTBALL—To-day—Interport Match, 4.30 p.m.; Emergency Committee Meeting, 5.30 p.m.

Saturday—First Division—Chinese Athletic v. Navy, Argyle v. Club, South China v. Borderers, Club de Recreo v. Kowloon F.C.; Second Division—University v. Navy; South China v. Chinese Athletic; Borderers v. Club de Recreo; St. Joseph v. Argyle; Royal Artillery v. Eastern Club v. Kowloon F.C.; Third Division—Chinese Athletic v. South China, Ewa v. Fukien, R.A.S.C. v. R.A.F.

February 18—Hong Kong v. Shanghai, 3.30 p.m.
February 21—Chinese v. Shanghai, 3.30 p.m.

February 23—United Services v. Shanghai.

HOCKEY—To-morrow—Army v. Navy (S.W. Shield).

CRICKET—Saturday—Division I—University v. Royal Artillery (L); Hong Kong C.C. v. Kowloon C.C. (F); Division II—Royal Engineers v. Police R.C. (L); Civil Service C.C. v. Club de Recreo (L); Kowloon C.C. v. Hong Kong C.C. (F).

BOXING—Saturday—Tournament, Three Royal, 9 p.m.

RACING—Sunday—Fanning Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting, February 28, March 2, 3, 4, and 7—Annual Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

March 22—Fanning Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.

FENCING—Monday—Fencing Club Meeting, Yacht Club, 5.15 p.m.

RUGBY FOOTBALL—February 14—Hong Kong v. Shanghai, 3.30 p.m.

February 17—United Services v. Shanghai, 3.30 p.m.

ATHLETICS—March 15 and 16—Hong Kong v. Canton Universities.

HOME.

FOOTBALL—February 14—English Cup—Fifth Round.
February 21—Ireland v. Scotland.

HOCKEY.

Y.M.C.A. TEAM FOR
TO-DAY.

The following have been selected to represent the Y.M.C.A. against the Kowloon Ladies' to-day at 5 p.m. at King's Park:—
Scotchier; Dorman; Phipps; Macey; Bates; Steadman; Sweet; W. J. Brown; W. H. Smith; Parker and Muller.

CHOCOLATE'S DECLINE.

"Bat." Battalino Retains His Title.

New York, Dec. 12.

Christopher "Bat." Battalino, world's featherweight champion, successfully defended his title here to-night when he scored a decision over Kid Chocolate, the Cuban Negro, in a 15 round bout.

The decision was based by the crowd. Battalino was floored for the count of nine in the first round, and the fans apparently thought that in view of this, Chocolate should have been given at least a draw.

(Continued at foot of next Column)

BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP IN DANGER

LURE OF LINDRUM

WILL THE FOUR LEADING PLAYERS
PARTICIPATE?

SPORTING ACTION

(By "Spot Ball.")

A professional championship without the entries of four of the best players! That was the position faced by the Billiards Control Council, on account of their ruling on the championship for 1931, and therefore, very little, if any, surprise was caused by the announcement that they had decided to defer the closing date of entry from December 31 to January 21.

Now, the second step in the cause of peace by the Council is an invitation to Lindrum, McConachy, Davis, and Newman to a round-table conference with a committee of the Council, some time in the near future, to discuss the whole position. The conference will be a private one, and any suggestions from the players will be submitted to the Council.

Mutual Agreement.
All the four players are unanimously opposed to Birmingham as the venue of the competition, and it may be assumed that efforts to secure a hall in London will be made, as a further end to an arbitrary settlement.

Needless to say, this last action of the Council, contrary to their first move, has occasioned a deal of surprise, and must constitute a complete departure from their usual procedure. It is, of course, a clear case of "desperate diseases requiring desperate remedies," and surely the disease was desperate enough here! The attitude of the players concerned meant that there would possibly be no professional championship for 1931, or at the best, it would have reverted into an exceedingly farcical competition. Now, however, the signs pointing to an amicable settlement, with, perhaps, a slight shake to the dignity of the Council as a direct result, are highly favourable, and we may after all see Lindrum, McConachy, Davis, and Newman enter the lists to make it a real championship tournament.

Falkner's Return.
After the Christmas rest, there is little doing in the billiards world, although certain amount of interest is invited by the two games in progress. At Thurston's, Falkner has reappeared after three months' absence, which has been regretted by all keen followers of the game. This delightful player might, conceivably, have been included in the Empire Tournament, as, although he has not been seen much in public in the last few years, he is still a very great cueist, and thrives with hard practice. He might easily have come through with a better record than the luckless McConachy.

Falkner is receiving two thousand star from the New Zealanders in a week's game, and although the concession was wiped out on the opening day, his form was too bad to be true. Short of practice, he was obviously out of touch and failed to reach three figures in a break in the first two sessions, but he made amends on the second day, when he delighted the onlookers with his dainty cannon work. One sequence of 131 cannons was brilliantly executed. Only Lindrum can be said to be superior to Falkner in this phase of the game, and even the Australian makes fewer cannons to the inch of space than the little Yorkshire man.

Temperamental Player.
McConachy has shown his best form, consistency being the feature of his play, and the remark was made recently that it was a pity he could not play like that in some of his recent tournament heats. The New Zealanders is a temperamental player—exquisite at times, and decidedly mediocre at others.

The prognostication that Newman, having once again defeated Davis on level terms, would continue to assert his superiority, onlookers.

Occasion has frequently arisen during the present season for reference to the splendid sporting spirit of McConachy, the New Zealand champion, who has comforted himself, in very trying circumstances, as gracefully as any man possibly could. An instance of this occurred recently at Thurston's, when, after half an hour's play, it was found that Falkner was playing with the wrong ball, writes "Spot Ball" in the Sporting Dispatch. The error had evidently been made by the referee when placing the balls on the table at the resumption, and McConachy, who made the discovery, suggested that his opponent should, after a change of balls, be allowed to proceed. The referee, however, stated that the rules would not permit of this, and McConachy, going to the table, deliberately missed an easy cannon, a fine sporting gesture, which evoked loud applause from the onlookers.

Battalino weighed 124 and Chocolate 125.
Battalino got up from the floor in the first round to chase Chocolate for the rest of the way. He pounded the Cuban heavily on the body, whenever the opportunity afforded, and unanimously was regarded as having won by a wide margin by those who were not biased.

Chocolate, at the start, seemed as though he would make short work of the champion, but there after Battalino gave the

looked like being justified, according to the progress of their week's match at Blackpool. The champion went off at a rare pace and, scoring consistently, soon established a two-thousand lead. This match may be regarded as a pipe-opener for their great tournament play-off.

Financial Result.

There is no doubt that each player will strive his utmost to win that game, as not only will it provide him with a chance of securing the gold trophy, but also the additional inducement with a further match with Lindrum, to decide definitely the issue, this month. Both Newman and Davis are, naturally, fully alive to the financial possibilities of such a match, and, therefore, a keen struggle is anticipated.

Lindrum is seeing "a bit of England." He has been playing daily games at Hastings, Brighton, Nottingham, and elsewhere, and is reported to be thoroughly enjoying himself. He has a game with McConachy prior to his visit, with Davis, to Edinburgh, to which he is looking forward with pleasurable anticipation.

Constant attempts are being made to revive the controversy with regard to close cannons, but many of the arguments put forward for a revision of the rules disclose a sad lack of appreciation of the situation. To some spectators the execution of a sequence of cannons may appear to be akin to "child's play," but close observers are fully aware of the many different strokes that are necessary to keep the balls in position. This circumstance is, of course, within the ability of the few leading players, who have been compelled, by the prospect of winning a handsome cup, to indulge in this form of scoring more, perhaps, than they otherwise would.

Lindrum Asks Why.
But, as Lindrum has said, why tinker with the rules because four or five players in the world have become expert at a difficult and skilful phase of the game? There is no comparison between close cannons and the losing hazard, which has been, rightly, the object of legislation in the direction of restriction.

The time for close cannons to be limited will arrive when the thousands of amateur players have become as proficient as they have with the losing hazard, and this appears to be as far distant as ever. Professionals are not likely to "flog" a stroke after it has lost its attractiveness, and this is by no means the case with cannons. Most of the present spectators at professional matches have shown themselves perfectly satisfied with the fare provided, and are always intensely interested in the cannon play of Lindrum and others, and signify their appreciation of the players' skill by their applause at the end of any sequence of cannons.

True Sportsman.
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Cuban a minute's rest. Battalino's courage and aggressiveness won him eight of the 15 rounds by a good margin.

The champion's victory added the final touch to Chocolate's decline since his recent defeat by Jackie Berg and Fidel La Barba.

The Hunt Secretary announces with regret that, owing to an outbreak of hysteria in the kennels hunting will be suspended until further notice.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

INWARD MAILS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3.	
Java via Batavia	Tjibondari
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4.	
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, Jan. 14)	Kidderpore
Calcutta and Straits	Nam Sang
Australia and Manila	Tanda
Straits and Manila	Riozw
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5.	
Japan	La Plata Maru
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6.	
Europe via Negapatam (Letters only, London, Jan. 8, 1931)	Takada
Japan and Shanghai	Kashima Maru
Parcels only (London, Jan. 1) and Straits, Antenor	
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7.	
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Canada
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Jan. 9)	President Fillmore
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8.	
Manila	Pres. McKinley
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Jan. 10)	President Jefferson

OUTWARD MAILS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3.	
Samahul & Wuchow	Kong So 4 p.m.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Brisbane	
Melbourne Maru	
(Due Brisbane, Feb. 17.)	
Parcels	Feb. 3, 3 p.m.
Registration	4.15 p.m.
Letters	5 p.m.
Shanghai Japan, Honolulu and San Francisco	
Asama Maru	
(Due San Francisco Feb. 25 & Europe via Siberia.)	
Registrations	Feb. 3, 5 p.m.
Letters	Feb. 4, 8.30 a.m.
Tchekani	5 p.m.
Van Houtz	5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4.	
Straits	2.30 p.m.
Foochow	3.30 p.m.
Amoy	3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, *Europe via Vancouver, B.C.	
Empress of Japan.	
(Due Vancouver B.C. Feb. 20 *Europe via Siberia)	
Parcels	Feb. 4, 5 p.m.
Registration	Feb. 5, 9.15 a.m.
Letters	10 a.m.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5.	
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	8.30 p.m.
Swatow	3 p.m.
Straits	5 p.m.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6.	
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa and *South American Ports	
Bangkok	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	
La Plata Maru	8.30 a.m.
Chinhua	10 a.m.
Kashima Maru	
(Due Marseilles, Mar. 8.)	
G.P.O.	
Registration	Feb. 7, 8.45 a.m.
Letters	9.30 a.m.
Nam Sang	5 p.m.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7.	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	1 p.m.
Manila	5 p.m.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8.	
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	9 a.m.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9.	
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., *Canada, C. & S. America and *Europe via San Francisco	
President McKinley	
(Due San Francisco, March 4.)	
Parcels	Feb. 9, 3 p.m.
Letters	5 p.m.
Registration	4.15 p.m.
President McKinley	
Registration	Feb. 9, 5 p.m.
Letters	6 p.m.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.	
Swatow	5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11.	
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and *Europe via Victoria, B.C.	
Hikawa Maru	
(Due Victoria, B.C., Mar. 4.)	
Registration	Feb. 11, 4.15 p.m.
Letters	5 p.m.
Hikawa Maru	
Registration	Feb. 11, 5 p.m.
Letters	6 p.m.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	
Kashgar	
(Due Marseilles, March 14.)	
G.P.O.	
Parcels	Feb. 13, 4.30 p.m.
Registration	Feb. 14, 9 a.m.
Letters	10 a.m.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14.	
Straits and Calcutta	
Yuen Sang	
Parcels	Feb. 14, Noon
Letters	1 p.m.

*Superscribed correspondence only.

INSPIRING PIECE OF WORK.

House of Lords War Memorial.

Mr. John Tweed, the sculptor, was gazing at his huge clay model of the long-awaited House of Lords War Memorial, which Lord Crawford Salisbury and Donoughmore had just inspected and approved when I entered his studio, writes an Evening News special representative.

He looked up at the work again after greeting me, and in his tired eyes there was an expression of affection, where I had expected nothing but weariness, for he has been working on this piece for so long.

I looked up at it and I understood. The man most untutored in such things could not possibly fail to see the beauty of the memorial. It was a long time before my eyes left the finished model and returned to the figure of the great sculptor.

"So Utterly Tired," It depicts a youth, nude, with a sword in his upraised hands, returning the weapon of war to a superb and majestic figure of La Patrie.

The figure of that youth is one of the most beautiful pieces of sculpture I have ever seen.

I said so to Mr. Tweed.

He smiled gently.

"I am glad you like it," he said, "I hope others do. Usually I hate the things I have finished."

His tired eyes glanced from the wonderful youth with the sword to the rows of bas-reliefs, busts, and heads of famous people around the studio.

"But I must confess I like the modelling of that figure. I suppose I should not say so, but I do."

"It has taken an awful lot out of me. I have never felt so utterly tired as I do now that it is finished."

To The Desert.

"As you probably know, I have been at it, off and on, for years. There have been all sorts of complications as to where it was to be placed in the Lords and this, that, and the other thing."

"I resigned from the job once, as is known, but I accepted it again later. For the past six months I have given my time to nothing else. Now the committee have approved of it. They seemed to like it."

He smiled in his tired way and offered me a cigarette.

"Next week I am going to Egypt, to the desert to rest and think and forget all about my work for a time."

Even while Mr. Tweed talked I found it impossible to take my eyes from the memorial. It is irresistible.

"I glanced round and found Mr. Tweed watching me."

"You seem to like it," he almost murmured. "I like it too, I don't think I have ever done anything better than that in my life. Never has anything taken so much out of me."

Stone Or Bronze?

The remark seemed absurdly simple as I glanced round at his other work, his bas-relief of his friend Rodin, who used to stay with this quiet Scotsman whenever he came to London, and as I thought of his Klitchner statue on the Horse Guards Parade.

"I don't know whether finally it will be in stone or bronze. It was at first suggested that it should be marble, but I don't like the idea of it in marble. What do you think?" he asked.

"Bronze," I said.

"Yes, I think so too. It would be good in bronze, I like bronze," he said.

And there was a look of quiet contentment on his tired face.

Biff: "I found five pounds yesterday near your house."

Quiff: "That's funny. I found to-day I'd lost five pounds."

Biff: "Really? Did you lose it near your house?"

Quiff: "That's quite likely."

Biff: "Here you are then. I'll be honest."

Quiff (pocketing money): "Oh, thanks! Yes, as I was saying, I used to be 11st 5lb. and now I'm only 11st. Well, good morning."

ANOTHER "WORLD" LANGUAGE.

Dominating Vehicle of Future Speech?

Stockholm, Dec. 15.

A new semi-artificial world language, "Anglic," which is based upon modern English, but in simplified spelling, has been successfully launched by a Swedish professor, R. E. Zachrisson, of Upsala University. The advocates of this new tongue, who include a number of prominent spelling reformers in the United States and Great Britain, claim that "Anglic" has every chance of becoming the dominating world language of the future.

Teaching experiments conducted by Professor Zachrisson, and started immediately following the publication of his linguistic system a few months ago, are reported to have given spectacular results. Professor Zachrisson's pupils were, after a course in "Anglic" of 20 lessons of 90 minutes each, able to read and converse readily in "his reformed" English. Experiments showed that the students, who previously had no knowledge of the English language, had almost no difficulties in reading English books in ordinary spelling. Representatives of the Swedish State School Board who controlled the final examinations, expressed their surprise as to the rapid progress achieved in these first teaching experiments in "Anglic."

The "I" Sound.

All sounds are, as a rule, represented in "Anglic" by only one respective symbol of letters. While the "i" sound in ordinary English is expressed by a variety of symbols of letters, this sound in "Anglic" invariably expressed by "i" (this being, according to careful statistical investigations, the most frequent symbol for this sound in common English). Thus "light" will read in "Anglic" "liet." Friday will become "Friedne," right will be "riet," buy: bie, etc.

"Anglic" has not only found a number of adherents in this country but has also won many friends in the English-speaking world including Lord Cecil, and the professors Gilbert Murray, Daniel Jones, Walter Ripman, Grandgent and Dewey. An agreement has also been reached between Professor Zachrisson and the leading spelling reform societies in the United States and Great Britain, to the effect that every effort should be made to promote and promulgate "Anglic."—United Press.

DUTCH OIL STORAGE.

NEW TANKS OPPOSITE SINGAPORE.

A supplementary budget for 1931 provides for better harbour equipment at Tanjong Oeban, on Pulau Bintan, immediately opposite Singapore, in connection with the construction by the Netherlands Colonial Petroleum Co. (an associated company of the Standard Oil Co., of New York) of an extensive oil tank park, which has already so far advanced that it can be operated at the beginning of this year.

Oil from the company's oilfields in Palembang can be stored at Tanjong Oeban, and from there taken to oil tankers. The new establishment is on a very large scale, and according to the company's representative at Tanjong Oeban, 135 oil tankers with a total capacity of more than 2,000,000 cubic metres, have already visited the island during 1931.

It is expected that the oil base will be in full working order by the end of this month, and will then occupy the same position as the other oil companies which have similar tank installations on islands opposite Singapore.

It is also hoped that there will be a big increase in shipping traffic in view of the fact that the island will be visited in the future by ships taking in oil or its derivatives, or importing and exporting other materials.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—

Bank, wire 11½

Bank, on demand 11½

Bank, 3 months' sight 11½

Credits, 4 months' sight 1/— 3/16

Documentary, 4 months' sight 1/— 5/16

On Paris—

On demand 52½

Credits, 4 months' sight 63½

On New York—

On demand 23¼

Credits, 60 days' sight 24½

On Bombay—

Wire 64½

On demand 64½

On Calcutta—

Wire 64½

On demand 64½

On Singapore—

On demand 41½

On Manila—

On demand 46½

On Shanghai—

On demand Tls. 75

On Yokohama—

On demand 24½ dis.

On Yokohama—

On demand 47

Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) 1/— 3/16

Silver (per oz.) 13½

Bar Silver in Hong Kong Nominal

Copper Cash Nominal

Copper Cents 3½ prem.

Rate of Native Interest 3½% p.a.

Chinese Sub. Coin 22½ dis.

Hong Kong Sub. Coin ¼% prem.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Paris 123.88½

New York 4.85 19/32

Brussels 34.83

Geneva 25.13½

Amsterdam 12.08½

Milan 92.77½

Berlin 20.2

Stockholm 18.13½

Copenhagen 18.16½

Oslo 34.53½

Vienna 164¼

Prague 192¼

Helsinki 47.75

Madrid 108.25

Lisbon 375

Athens 817

Bucharest 4 11/32

Rio 34¼

Buenos Aires 1/5 ¾

Montevideo 1/3 ¾

Bombay 2/0 7/16

Yokohama 13½

Silver Spot 13½

Silver Forward 13½

—British Wireless Service.

GENEROUS POLICEMAN.

Speaks Up For The Man Who Assaulted Him.

There was a curious incident at West London Police Court recently when William Morrison, 23, of Walmer Road, Notting Hill, pleaded guilty to assaulting Police-constable Morton, by striking him in the face.

In reply to the magistrate, the constable said he was not hurt, and added: "I should like to say that I have known the defendant for six years. He bears a wonderful character, and helps his old mother, who has a small market round."

Morrison expressed his regret, and said he could not imagine what made him strike the officer.

Mr. Powell: I should like you to remember always that the man you assaulted has pleaded for you. Police officers have to do their duty, but they are always extremely fair, and always do a good turn if they possibly can. I hope you will remember that and tell your friends to remember it.

Morrison was fined 10s.

A company of soldiers were standing at attention, waiting to be inspected. The officer in charge noticed one man who was slouching.

Officer: Stand straight, my lad. You had better look out for yourself. I have had my eye on you for months. How long have you been here?

Lad: Two weeks, sir!

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations 3rd Feb, 1931.

STOCK	Buy-ers	Sell-ers	Sales	Nom.	Fin. last	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
H. g. Kong Bank	\$ 2030	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 21 bonus 21] Pending
Chartered Bank	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 100 ex. 1/11—87411] Sep. — 80
Mercantile Bk., A.B.	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Interim 7/100 1/100 1/100] Sep. — 80
Bank of Asia	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Int. 20/100 1/100 1/100] Feb. 28, 80
Insurance.						
Caution Ins.	\$	...	...	1300	Dec.	[Final 27 for 1929] May 15, 80
Union Ins.	\$ 802	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929] May 30, 80
*China Underwriters ..	\$ 31	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 20 bonus 20] May 30, 80
China Fire Ins.	\$ 475	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929] Mar. 25, 80
H. K. Fire Ins.	...	...	1300	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929] Mar. 25, 80
Shipping.						
Douglas	\$	26 1/2	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929, Mar. 4, 80
H. K. Steamboats	...	...	37	...	Dec.	[12% ex. 2/10 on preferred] June 15, 29
Indo-China (Pref.)	...	...	10	...	...	...
(Def.)	...	...	30	...	...	...
Shell Transport	...	...	76 2/3	...	Dec.	[Interim 2/100 1/100 1/100] Pending
Union Waterboats	\$	98	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929] Mar. 10, 80
Mining.						
Beasque	\$	101	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 bonus 10] Dec. 30, 80
Kailan Mining Ad.	...	...	31 2/3	...	June	[Final 10 for 1929] Dec. 30, 80
Langkat	...	...	91	...	Oct.	[Final 10 for 1929] May 8, 80
Shai Exploration.	...	...	21	...	Dec.	...
Loans	...	...	...	...	Dec.	...
*Rauha	...	30	...	...	Mar.	[Final 10 for 1929] Dec. 30, 80
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & W. Wharves ..	\$ 174	174	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929] Mar. 15, 80
H. K. & W. Docks.	\$ 30	...	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929, Mar. 15, 80
South Ch. Motors	...	...	10	...	...	...
*China Provident (old) ..	\$ 31	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929] Sep. 1, 80
(new)	...	...	24 1/2	...	...	...
Hoogkew	...	...	270	...	Dec.	[Interim 7/100 1/100 1/100] Sep. 1, 80
N. Engineering	...	...	6	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929] Sep. 1, 80
Shanghai Docks	...	...	108	...	Apr.	[Final 10 for 1929] Sep. 1, 80
Land, Hotels & Buildings.						
*H. K. & S. Hotels	\$ 12.60	12.60	12.70	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929] Apr. 7, 80
H. K. Lands (old)	\$ 86	...	86.33	...	...	...
(new A)	\$ 84 1/2	...	85/80 1/2	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929] Apr. 7, 80
(new B)	\$ 85 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929] Apr. 7, 80
Shanghai Lands	...	...	360	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929] Apr. 7, 80
Humphreys (Cum Rts.) ..	...	...	17.15	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929] May 7, 80
(Rights)	...	...	3	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929] May 7, 80
H. K. Estates	\$ 240	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929] Sep. 4, 80
Chinese Estates	...	...	97	...	Feb.	[Final 10 for 1929] July 21, 80
Cotton Mills.						
*Ewo Cotton	...	14.40	...	...	Dec.	[Final 7 1/2 for 1929] Mar. 17, 80
Shanghai Cotton	...	...	90	...	Apr.	[Final 7 1/2 for 1929] Nov. 29, 80
Zooong Sings	...	10	...	...	June	[Final 7 1/2 for 1929] Oct. 11, 80
Public Utilities.						
*H. K. Tramways	\$ 171	17.40	17.20	...	Dec.	[Final 40 cents] Pending
Peak Trams (old)	\$	...	11 1/2	...	Apr.	[Final 40 cents] June 16, 80
(new)	...	...	0 1/2	...	...	...
Star Ferries	\$ 92 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929] Pending
China Light	\$ 25	35.25	...	...	Sept.	[Final 50 cents] Dec. 15, 80
H. K. Electric	\$ 79	70 1/2	...	...	Dec.	[Final 50 cents] Mar. 12, 80
Macao	...	...	23	...	Dec.	...
Sandakan Lights	...	...	32	...	June	...
H.K. Tels. fully paid ..	...	...	35 1/2	...	Dec.	[Final 10 cents] Aug. 1, 80
(part paid)	...	...	23	...	...	...
China Buses	...	42.90	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 cents] Feb. 25, 80
S'pore Trams (Ord.)/ ..	...	...	710	...	...	...
(Pref.)	...	...	19 1/2	...	Sept.	[Final 10 cents] Feb. 6, 80
Industrials.						
China Sugars	\$	...	80 1/2	...	...	In Liquidation.
Malacca Sugars	...	...	97	...	Dec.	[Final 3 for 1929] Apr. 11, 80
Cald. Mag. Ord.	...	...	112	...	Dec.	[Final 3 for 1929] Apr. 30, 80
(Pref.)	...	...	11	...	...	...
Canton Ice	...	...	3.60	...	July	...
*Cemco. (new)	\$ 16.85	...	16.80	...	...	[Final 30 cents] Mar. 19, 80
(old)	\$ 11 1/2	...	...	...	...	...
(new)	...	...	5.20	...	...	...
H. K. Ropes	\$ 18.40	18.60	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929] Mar. 19, 80
Venezuela Gold Fields ..	\$ 9 1/2	...	...	...	...	...
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farm (old)	\$ 25.00	26 1/2	...	...	Dec.	[Final 10 for 1929] Mar. 14, 80
(new)	\$	...	24 1/2	...	...	...
Watsons	\$ 12.60	...	...	...	Oct.	[Final 70 cents] Mar. 21, 80
Der A Wings	\$	...	1	...	...	...
Lanc Crawford	...	...	4	...	Feb.	[Final 10 for 1929] Mar. 15, 80
Mackintosh	\$ 19	...	...	...	Feb.	[Final 10 for 1929] Mar. 15, 80
Slocross	...	...	10 1/2	...	...	...
Wm. Powells	\$	2.80	...	...	Feb.	[Final 10 for 1929] Mar. 15, 80
Miscellaneous.						
H.K. Amusement	\$ 20 1/2	...	...	...	Mar.	[Final 10 for 1929] Sep. 1, 27, 80
(Rights)	\$ 21	...	...	...	...	...
Ch. Entertainment	\$ 13	...	...	...	...	...
H. K. Constructions	...	...	5.90	...	Dec.	...
B. Ind. C.S. Bonds	\$ 57 1/2	...	...	...	...	...
H. K. Govt. Loans	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Speculative shares. *Sales to Shanghai.						

TONE CONTROL
DEVICEStrength of High and
Low Notes.

The introduction of the tone control on radio receivers has taken American listeners by storm, and the device now ranks almost equal to sensitivity and selectivity in importance.

The tone control enables the person tuning in to change the tone quality to suit his fancy, or to correct acoustic faults in the room, where the music is being reproduced.

Most of the sets equipped with the control have an extra knob on the tuning panel with the words, high, and low, on the ends of the scale. When the knob is turned to high, the high notes are supposed to be brought into prominence, and when it is turned to low then the low notes are louder.

What actually happens is this. The knob is connected to a rheostat in series with a condenser of predetermined capacity, and the whole network is connected across some part of the amplifier circuit or the loud speaker. When the knob increases the resistance in series with the condenser to a value high enough, the high notes come through with their real or natural intensity.

When the knob is rotated in the other direction to low, so that the resistance is cut out, the condenser comes into play, and shunts the high notes out of the amplifying or reproducing circuit. The resulting lack of high notes then seems to make an increase of the low notes.

Other Methods.

There is also another form of tone control, which consists of cutting in a number of fixed capacities across the amplifying or reproducing circuit, by turning a tapped switch. Turning it one notch, introduces a small shunt condenser, turning it two notches introduces a large shunt condenser, and so on. The greater will be the depression of the high notes, the bigger the condenser across the circuit.

The first notch may be labelled bright, the second brilliant, the next mellow, or deep. As the knob is turned towards deep, the high notes become more and more depressed, so that there are hardly any high notes at all.

These methods lack one thing. The low notes cannot be increased except at the expense of the high notes. Because of this, when the tone is a deep, it is sometimes hard to hear the announced because the consonants of speech are located in a pitch, known as high tones.

WIRELESS AND HOUSE FIRE.

Blaze Started By Battery
Eliminator?

A faulty accessory of a wireless set is thought to have caused a fire at the house of Mr. Joseph Charles Uch, in Boxmoor Road, Kenton, near Harrow.

Mr. Uch was roused by the barking of his Alsatian dog, which was in the kitchen.

Going downstairs, he found the front room in flames.

He telephoned for the fire brigade from a neighbour's house. Meanwhile, Mrs. Rudd, a neighbour, seized her garden hose and, running to Mr. Uch's house, fixed it to the tap at the back and played water through the windows on to the burning furniture and floor.

When the brigade arrived they found the flames out of control in the room, and removed the furniture from the rest of the house.

The whole of the furniture in the room was ruined, and the floor, ceiling and the stairs were badly damaged.

Short Circuit Theory.

The firemen found the remains of what appeared to be a wireless set. The captain of the fire brigade is of the opinion that this was a high tension battery eliminator for mains current.

It is thought that a short circuit in this instrument may have caused the fire.

There was some fire left in the grate overnight when Mr. Uch went to bed, but there were no signs that coal falling from the grate could have caused the fire.

COLOMBO RADIO-STATION

Some time ago there was every possibility of the transmissions of the Colombo broadcasting station being stopped owing to a financial deficit. The appreciation of the Ceylon listeners was shown by the fact that a considerable amount was collected immediately, so that the transmissions could be continued.

NEW SWISS TRANSMITTERS.

We learn from Zurich that the construction of the two transmitters at Sottens and Münster (Switzerland) is progressing with rapid strides, so that these stations will be ready for use this month.

RADIO TOPICS

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 855 metres:-

5-8 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records kindly loaned by Messrs. Anderson Music Co. 5-5.40 p.m.—Variety.

Orchestral—
Ragtime Memories.
The Jolly Old Fellows (113).

Monologue—
Our Lizzy Goes Shopping.
Helena Millais (9201).

Chorus—
After the Ball is Over.
Two Little Girls in Blue.
Gerald Adams and the
Variety Singers (57).

Humorous Duet—
Quarter Day.
Charles Penrose and Billy
Whitlock (9201).

Song—
A Little Bungalow.
Jogging Along Behind the Old
Grey Mare.
Bobby Grey and Whispering
Chorus (9113).

Chorus—
Daisy Bell.
Break the News to Mother.
Gerald Adams and the
Variety Singers
(143).

Descriptive Sketch—
Casey's Band Rehearsal.
Michael Casey & Co. (8318).

5.40-6.40 p.m.—Orchestral.
Orpheus in the Underworld—
Overture (Offenbach).
Lucerne Kursal Orchestra
(9540).

Arabian Night (Arbes).
Madrid Symphony Orchestra
(9583).

Summer Days Suite—
In a Country Lane.
New Queen's Hall Light
Orchestra (9370).

Wood Nymphs (Eric Coates).
New Queen's Hall Light
Orchestra (9370).

Semiramide (Rossini).
Milan Symphony Orchestra
(9663).

6.50-7 p.m.—Operatic.
Cavalleria Rusticana (Mascagni).
Milan Symphony Orchestra
(9664).

The Barber of Seville—Overture
(Rossini).
B.B.C. Wireless Symphony
Orchestra (9166).

Carmen—Flower Song (Bizet).
Arthur Jordan, Tenor (9204).

7 p.m.—Stock Quotations.
7.05-8 p.m.—Concert Items.

Song—
Parted (Weatherly & Testi).
O Lovely Night (Teschemacher &
Landon Ronald).
Doris Vane, Soprano (9283).

Violin Solo—
Suite Populaire Espagnole
(de Falla arr. Kochansky).
Rene Benedetti (9584).

Song—
I Hear You Calling Me
(Harford & Marshall).
Richard Neller, Tenor (9231).

Duet—
Come, Silver Moon.
(Dowden arr. Bealy).
Dora Labette and Hubert
Eldell (9612).

NEW AIR GOODS
SERVICE.Co-operation with the
Railways.

RAPID TRANSIT.

Rapid progress is being made with plans for making fuller use of the main air lines, especially in the carriage of light freight, and soon it will be possible, by using combined air, sea, and land express services, to save much time in the transport of goods over long distances.

The first step will be co-operation between Imperial Airways, Ltd., and the four big railway companies in Great Britain in forwarding parcels over all the routes where aircraft are operating.

Goods sent on this service will be carried by express train to the nearest aerodrome and thence by air as far as possible, and will complete their journey if necessary by express train.

The saving of time for all places served, directly or indirectly, by the India and South Africa air routes will be very great, often resulting in a reduction by more than half of the time normally taken.

The new scheme differs from the air mail services now in operation in that goods weighing more than 11 lb. are affected. It is an extension of the scheme proposed last year by a Canadian Company for co-operation between shipping, rail and air companies in the rapid despatch of goods. This scheme, which embraces French air transport companies, enables Canadian exporters to save much time in the delivery of goods to the Continent.

Missapprehension.

There seems to be some misapprehension as to the negotiations now in progress between Imperial Airways and Pan-American air lines. It is understood that consideration is being given to the establishment of an Anglo-American air line between Bermuda and New York. There is a great amount of holiday traffic between the two places, and it is probable that a passenger air service flying over the 700 miles between them would be

Quartet—
Quartet in A Major (Beethoven).
The Cathedral Quartet (9141).

Song—
My Ain Wee Hoose
Hame O' Mine (Murdoch).
Nina Rae, Contralto (7074).

Duet—
Donny Brook Fair.
Talbot O'Farrell & Charles
Penrose (8498).

Song—
In Deepest Cellar (Fischer).
Armourer's Song from Robin Hood
(Koven).

Orchestral—
Four Indian Love Lyrics
(Amy Woodford-Finden).
Union Symphony Orchestra
(9377).

8.11.30 p.m.—Ko Shing Theatre
Relay.

9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local
Time, etc.

11.30 p.m.—Close Down.

RADIO AND MEDICAL SCIENCE.

For every medical practitioner it is of the utmost importance that he is informed of the latest developments in the medical profession. Most doctors, therefore, devote a considerable part of their time to studying magazines and newly published literature.

For the country doctor, however, it is often difficult to secure all the important recent publications. Broadcasting, however, makes it possible to organise special transmissions for medical practitioners. In a great many countries medical lectures are already being broadcast. It often happens, however, that these lectures are exclusively intended for laymen, so that doctors insisted upon a short lecture being given once a week during the evening hours, for instance of five minutes' duration, in which the latest novelties in the field of practical medical science are treated.

NEW WEAPON FOR POLICE.

The Prague Police has put a new motor-car into service, equipped with an installation by means of which water can be spouted at a large distance.

This installation will be resorted to at undesirable demonstrations to disperse the demonstrators. The crowd is informed of this beforehand by means of a loud-speaker installation. Installed in the car.

RADIO COMPULSORY.

We learn from Rome that all the Italian freighters of more than 1,600 tons must have a radio installation on board as from December 31, 1930.

BETTER SELECTIVITY

RECENT CIRCUIT
TESTS.

As broadcast stations are increased in power their range goes up and listeners find they have interference. The need always seems to be for better selectivity at the receiver, for then the stations can be separately tuned in.

Selectivity depends chiefly upon the design of the tuning circuits and their number. With several good circuits the selectivity may be made sufficient for all practical purposes, writes W. James (Morning Post Wireless Correspondent).

The question arises, however, as to whether our present types of sets are the best when such good selectivity is desired. Selectivity is also likely to affect the quality. With too sharply tuned circuits the quality will be poor unless a correction is applied.

Circuits may be arranged, however, for providing both selectivity and quality. Numerous circuits are expensive, and yet they are necessary in the usual straight circuits.

For this reason the super-heterodyne circuit has great advantages. In sets of this type fixed circuits are used in part of the circuit. They may easily be given good characteristics so that sharp tuning without distortion is obtained.

Heavy Royalties.

The manufacture of such sets is not difficult. They were used in this country a few years ago. The large number of valves needed per set and the heavy royalties payable were probably reasons why the sets did not become popular.

Now there are better valves, and the need of good selectivity is more appreciated, with the result that super-heterodyne receivers will be introduced again before long. The tuning can be made as sharp as necessary.

There is no difficulty in providing desirable characteristics, as the manufacturer adjusts the circuits and not the user. The user tunes the aerial circuit, but the amplifier with its coils and condensers is adjusted at the works. Tests made recently prove that selectivity and quality can be obtained, and that large numbers of stations may be received with ease.

It seems that the super-heterodyne receiver should suit the large number of listeners who want to choose the station they shall hear from a number. Tuning is easy, with mains operation maintenance is negligible, and volume is just a matter of the size of the valves.

THE LADY OWEN
CASE.Question of Committal
to the Assizes.

Paris, Dec. 14.

The examining magistrate has concluded his inquiry into the Lady Owen case. The dossier will now go to the Director of Public Prosecutions, who will decide whether Lady Owen will appear before the Seine Assizes.

A Paris message of July 24 states:—Lady Owen, a French woman, described as an exactress and widow of Sir Theodore Owen, has been arrested in connection with a shooting drama. She is alleged to have met Dr. Gastaud a year ago. He recently told her that their relationship must end. She therefore told Dr. Gastaud's partner, Dr. Bernard, that she was going to kill Madame Gastaud. Dr. Bernard and Dr. Gastaud hurried to the scene. The former exhorted calmness, but at that moment Madame Gastaud entered. Lady Owen fired thrice, seriously injuring her. Thereupon she, with great calmness, said "Telephone to the police, and I will give myself up." She is alleged to have told the examining magistrate that she had had a difference with Dr. Gastaud in regard to money she had lent him and was very angry because she learned that Dr. Gastaud's wife, who was aware of their relationship, intended to do her a bad turn.

SHOT ANTIQUARIAN

"NOT SLIGHTEST EVIDENCE OF
SUICIDE."

London, Dec. 18.

Reginald Lawrence Lawson, aged 38, of Saltwood Castle, Hythe, one of the most ancient buildings in Kent, was found shot dead in the grounds to-day.

It is believed he was shot while pigeon-shooting. Lawson, while motoring 10 days ago, knocked down and killed a nine-year-old girl.

The inquest showed that this was purely accidental, but Lawson has since been worried over the matter.

Lawson is a grandson of the late Mr. Lionel Lawson, one of the founders of The Daily Telegraph.

He purchased a year ago Hurstmonceux Castle, Sussex, part of the estate of the late Colonel Claude Lowther.

An ardent antiquarian, Mr. Lawson bought Saltwood in 1926 and personally supervised its restoration and stocked it with priceless mediaeval furniture.

Mr. Lawson divided his time between Saltwood and Hurstmonceux. He was an enthusiastic sportsman and gave many shooting parties.

London, Dec. 20.

At the inquest on Mr. Reginald Lawrence Lawson a verdict of death due to misadventure was returned, the coroner remarking that there was not the slightest evidence of suicide.

FISHING BOAT TRAGEDY.

Rough Mediterranean
Weather.

Milan, Dec. 21.

A sudden wave of terrific cold has descended from the Southern Alps. In that Dolomites the thermometer on Sunday registered 23 degrees below zero.

A gale is rendering navigation difficult in the Adriatic, and it fanned the flames of a fire in the Trieste market hall so vigorously that the building was completely gutted.

Rome, Dec. 21.

A message from Cotrone (in the South of Italy) to the Popolo di Roma states that as the result of heavy rain the river Neto has overflowed its banks, and damaged works of improvement being carried out in that valley. Bridges are threatening to crumble away. It is feared that two peasants have been drowned.

A message from San Antico, Sardinia, says that a fishing boat with five men on board has been missing for ten days. It is believed to be lost.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

1-Express gratitude to
2-Hinder
3-Hammer
4-Supplied with
5-Implement of war
6-Formal objection
7-Fall in drops
8-Crude
9-Whirl
10-Desert
11-Link
12-Location
13-Older's nickname
14-Open country
15-(S. Afr.)
16-National Education
17-Association (abbr.)
18-Taken booty
19-Swell
20-Unit of distance
21-(pl.)
22-Descendant
23-Sister of charity
24-Resolute
25-Is
26-Fattening
27-Fowl
28-Testify
29-Post

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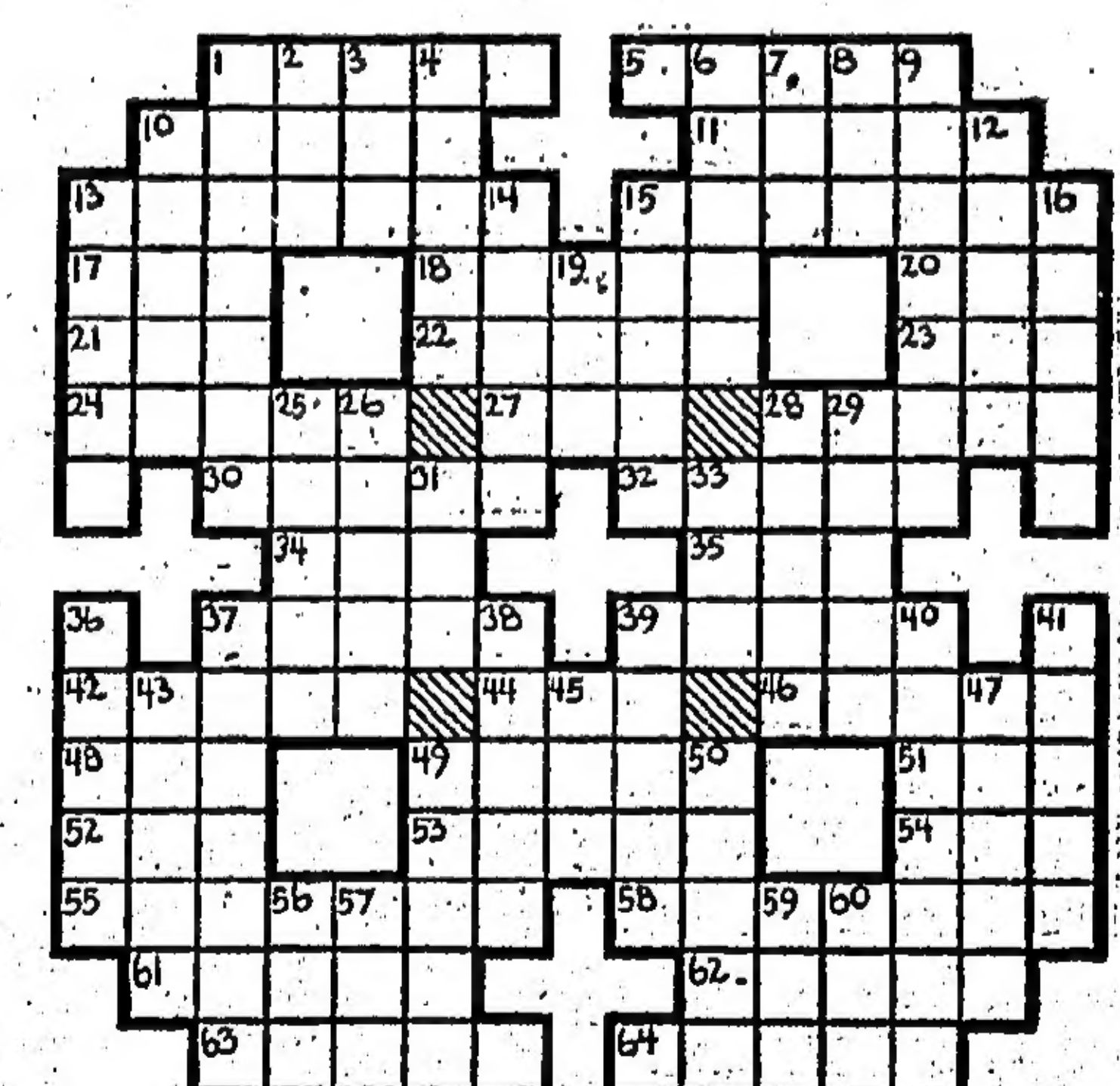
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but
our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic
spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| <p>HORIZONTAL</p> <p>1-Express gratitude to
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49-Post</p> | <p>HORIZONTAL (Cont.)</p> <p>49-After dinner
candles
51-Greek letter
52-Mistake
53-Atalid peninsula
54-Empire
55-Loom workers
58-Coagulated
61-Steep
62-Exterminated
63-Yellowish-red in
color
64-Meaning</p> | <p>VERTICAL (Cont.)</p> <p>16-Thick
19-Suffice; like
25-Bushes away
powdered
substance
28-To move along in
numbers
29-Caker of tobacco
32-Freshen
31-South African
antelope
33-Public house/
35-Ship's propeller
37-Ancient Persian
governor
38-Reduces in
thickness
39-Frank
40-Beat back
41-Proclaimed
42-Etruscan household
gods
43-Terminate
47-Item of property
48-Sold
50-Dressing for food
51-By way of
52-Eagle
53-Go rapidly
54-Medical men (abbr.)</p> |
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(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in
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"CONSCIENCE CLEAR OF ANY GUILTY ACT."

**Mrs. Xavier Committed
 for Trial.
 WOULDN'T HARM MANTON.**

The trial was resumed at the Central Magistracy, yesterday afternoon, of Mrs. Jesupia Maria Xavier, and at the conclusion, after prisoner had been duly warned in the customary manner, Mr. R. E. Liskell committed her for trial at the next Assizes. Prisoner stands charged with malicious intent to maim, disfigure, or disable Mr. Alfred Joseph Manton at 375, Lockhart Road on December 27.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy conducted the case for the Crown, and Mr. T. M. Hodgson defended. Mr. D. L. Strolatt watched the case in the interests of Mr. Manton.

"Where is My Cell?"

Detected Sub-inspector Michael Murphy, of the Wanchai Station, testified that the accused went there of her own accord.

In the charge room, her first utterance was, "Where is my cell?" "I told her to keep calm," said witness, "and gave her a chair and told her to sit down."

Witness formally charged the accused with attempted murder the following morning at Police Headquarters. He cautioned her before she made this statement which was read over to her before she signed it:-

"I don't think I have anything to say. My conscience is quite clear of any guilty act, especially against Manton. I would have never harmed him."

Mr. Hodgson: Inspector, when the accused came into the charge room, did she appear to be very excited?—She was very excited.

When you came back from taking Mr. Manton to Hospital you went up to the premises and inspected the place, did you examine the contents of any of the cupboards or drawers or anything of the sort?—I didn't.

Mr. Hodgson: Mr. Goetz, in looking for the clothing, came across a letter which had been written by the accused. I am going to put in this letter in Court and I am going to ask Mr. Goetz to be called as a witness, because this letter, to my mind, is very important. I have shown it to Mr. Fitzroy, and to the Police, but because they had not seen it before, they refused to admit it into the case. Assuming that Mr. Goetz, coming forward, were to say he found that letter in the drawer—assuming he did, if you, Inspector Murphy, had made an examination of the drawer, would you have found it?—Yes.

As far as you know, no other Police officer made any examination of any drawers or wardrobes?—As far as I know, no.

Acting Sub-inspector W. Hynes, said Manton came into the charge room, and making a report to him, handed him the weapon produced in Court.

The case for the Crown then closed.

Reverting to the letter as having been left by the accused in a drawer and which he said the Police had overlooked, Mr. Hodgson stressed the important bearing it had upon his case. He complained of its exclusion by the Crown, and submitted that it should have been looked for by the Police.

The Magistrate said there was no evidence at all as to how it was obtained.

Mr. Hodgson proposed to prove

the letter and to call Mr. Goetz in this connection.

Discussion ensued as to the onus of proving the letter, Mr. Hodgson arguing against Mr. Fitzroy that it was the duty of the Crown to have brought in this witness.

His Worship said he would make a note of the contending views, for reference in the Court above.

The Magistrate: I take it, Mr. Hodgson, that you desire to make it known that your defence will be an accident. You know, the Judge may strongly comment on failure to disclose the defence here.

Accused Committed.

Mr. Hodgson agreed that his defence would be an accident "brought about by Mrs. Xavier contemplating shooting herself, but accidentally pulling the trigger, firing the gun and wounding Mr. Manton."

Evidence for the defence was reserved by Mr. Hodgson for the Court above.

After being duly warned according to procedure, Mrs. Xavier, when asked if she wished to say anything, then replied, "I do not wish to say anything."

"Well, if that ain't mean!" exclaimed the prisoner. "Every one of these stories in this paper they've gimme to read is 'to be continued.' An' me to be hanged next week!"

Man overboard," cried the quartermaster.

"Gentleman overboard, if you please," said Mrs. de Snobbe, "that is my husband."

BRITISH EMPLOYEES IN CHINA.

**Not Receiving Their Due
 from the Railways.
 COMMONS INQUIRY.**

London, Yesterday.
 In the House of Commons to-day Mr. A. M. Samuel urged enquiries to be made about the five British members of the staff of the Canton-Hankow Railway who had not received their due.

Dr. Hugh Dalton replied that Mr. Henderson had asked Sir Miles Lampson to report.

Replying to another question Dr. Dalton told Mr. Samuel that the Government felt that the obligations to British holders of loans for building and equipping the Hukiang, Tientsin-Pukow, Lung Tsing Hai, and Canton-Kowloon Railways should be treated separately from the Boxer-Indemnity position, although the Government were anxious that Sir Miles Lampson should use his utmost influence in the matter.

Purchasing Commission.

Various members at question time pressed the Government to expedite the appointment of a China purchasing commission under the China Indemnity Bill.

Dr. Dalton said that the Chinese Minister in London and a representative of the Chinese Ministry of Railways would be the Chinese members of the commission; the remaining four would be British, selected by the Chinese Government from a panel of names which would be submitted to them shortly.—Reuter.

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